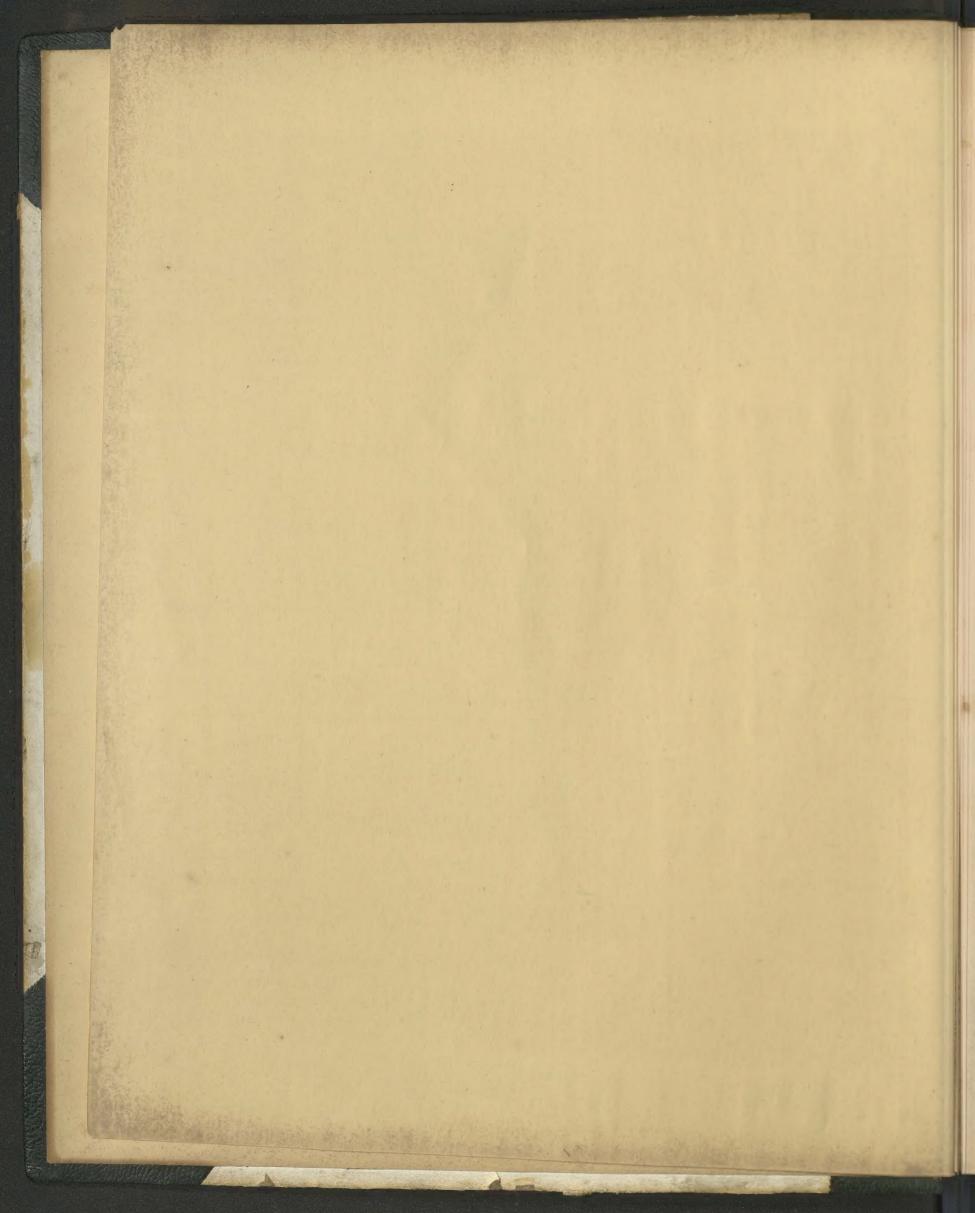
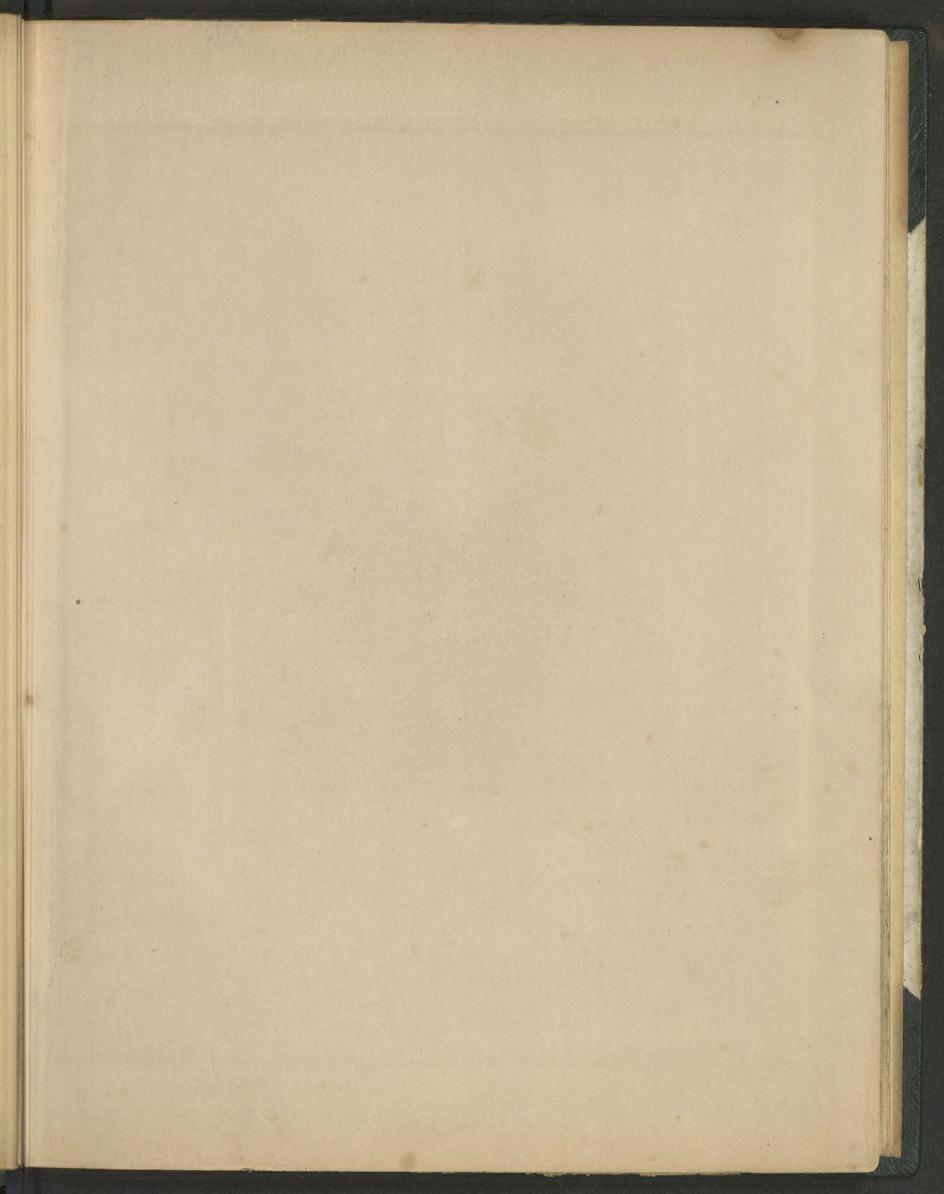
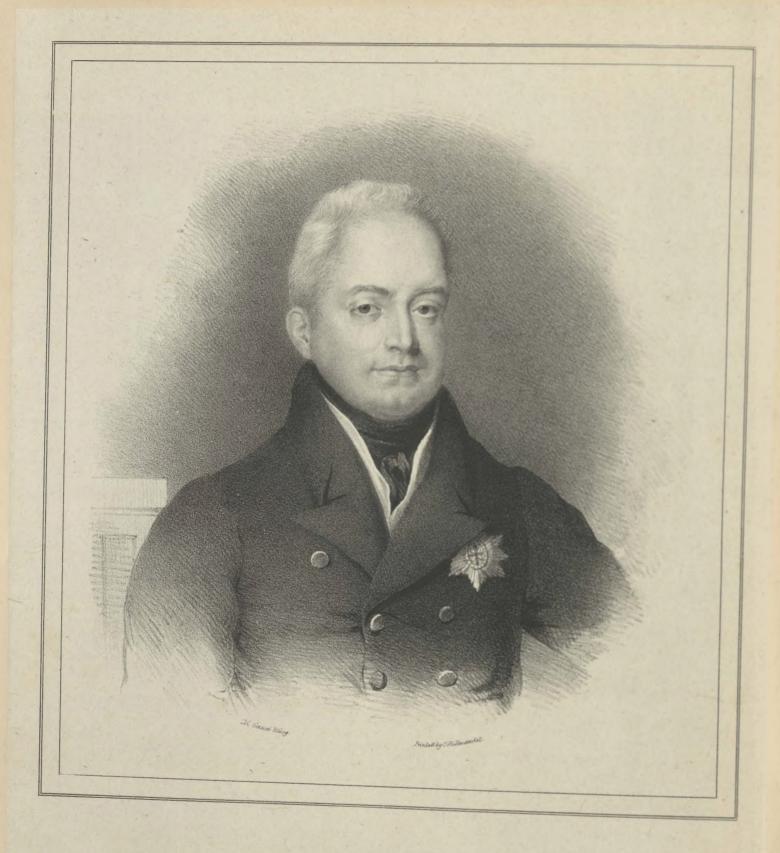


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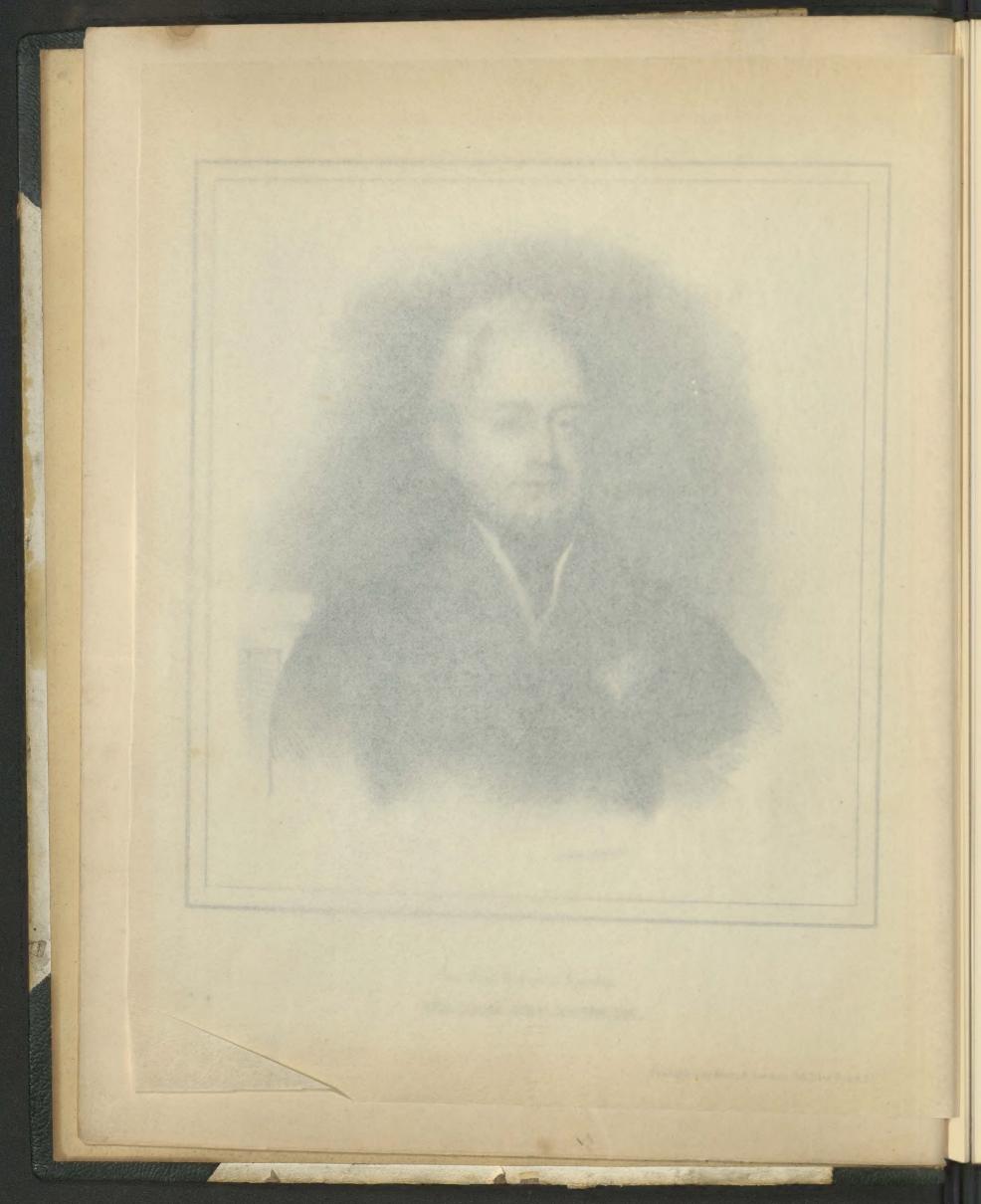
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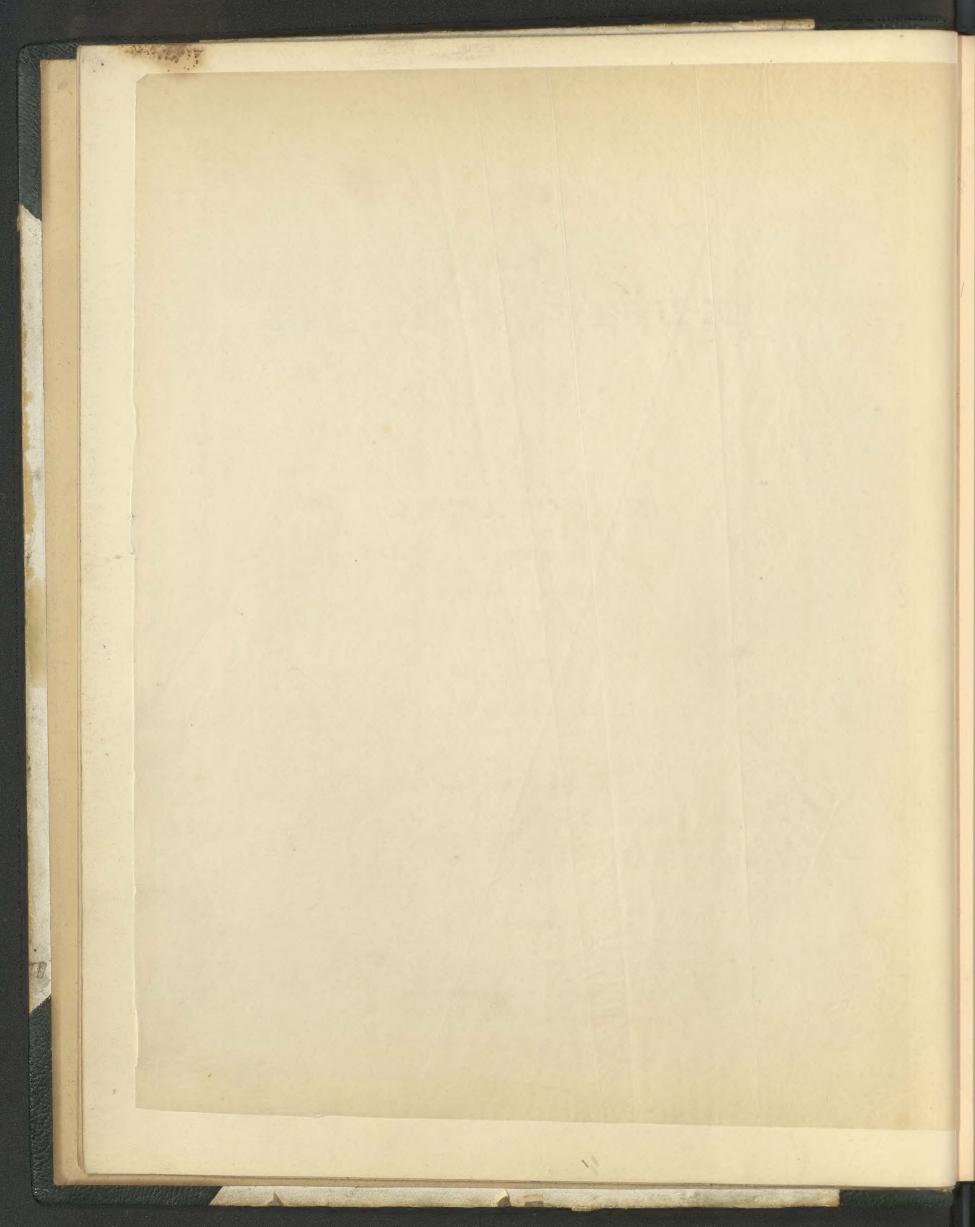
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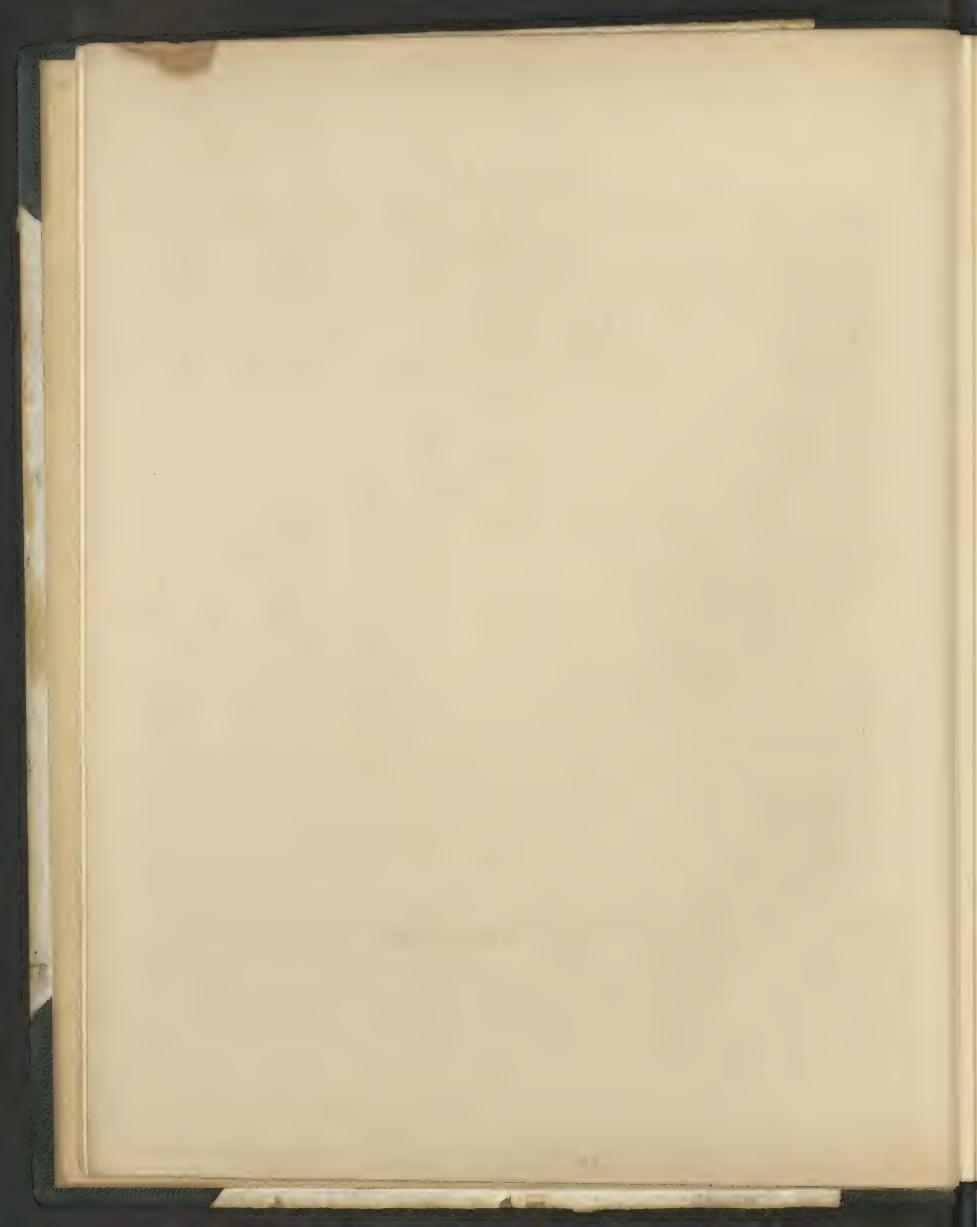
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TO

HER MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY ADELAIDE,

QUEEN OF GREAT BRITAIN,

&c. &c. &c.

MADAM,

With feelings of profound respect, we beg leave to inscribe to your Majesty the present volume of The Musical Gem, and to testify our heartfelt gratitude for the permission so graciously accorded to its Editors for its being issued under the immediate sanction of your Majesty.

That the reign of our beloved Monarch, and your Majesty's happy participation in the throne of these realms, so auspicious, amongst the highest and best interests of the Nation, to the prosperity of the Fine Arts and the protection of Native Talent, may long continue to crown the blessings bestowed by Providence upon the British People, is the carnest prayer of,

MADAM,

Your Majesty's most dutiful, most humble, and most devoted servants,

N. MORI. W. BALL.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 1st, 1830.



PREFACE.

THE Editors of THE MUSICAL GEM, impressed with a deep sense of gratitude for the high and flattering encouragement bestowed on their former volume, desire respectfully to express their humble acknowledgments for the illustrious patronage by which it was so honorably distinguished, and the many gratifying testimonials which accompanied its progress in the public favor. In preparing their present offering for its course of emulation among the now extensive number of its talented compeers, they confidently hope that their *Souvenir* for 1831, following in the path over which such flowers have been kindly strown, will be found not unworthy of the share of welcome to which it aspires in its advance on that which lies before it, at the invitation of the New Year.

London, November 1st, 1830.

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MADAME PASTA

This admirable singer, whose genius, power, and talent, have placed her at the summit of her arduous profession, was born at Milan in 1799. She became the wife of Signor Pasta at an early age, and was only in her seventeenth year when Mr. Ayrton, who met with Signor and Madame Pasta at the house of the celebrated Parr, in Paris, engaged them both for the ensuing season at our Opera-house. Signor Pasta, however, who possesses a tenor voice, never publicly appeared here; the success of the celebrated Crivelli, who was likewise brought to England by the same gentleman for that season, left no opening for the employment of any other tenor in 1817; and Signor Pasta has since renounced all thoughts of the stage.

In the last-named year Madame Pasta made her first appearance on any stage, at the King's Theatre, in the character of Telemaco, in Mever's Opera of Penelope; and her form, in the male attire she had assumed for her debût, was much admired. Experience, however, was wanting to the developement of those abilities which have since so greatly distinguished her; and though she showed, most distinctly, the possession of a talent that demanded only a little time and culture, when happier opportunities might favor its display, she withdrew from an arena where the secondary rank of parts to which she had been called afforded but little prospect of encouragement, and, at the end of the season, quitted England to cherish the latent flame of genius and capability amidst the more genial and fostering influences of her native land.

On her arrival in Italy, this strong-minded and superior woman, in the full consciousness of what she might become, nerved herself to the task before her; and the whole of her time was passed with unabating perseverance, in the enthusiastic pursuit of study, the hearing of the best performers, and in the sedulous devotion of the knowledge and observation she acquired to the highest requisitions of her art.

After a lapse of four years thus employed, she suddenly re-appeared. Paris was the scene of this her second commencement, and the Parisians at once felt and acknowledged her worth; though it was perhaps hardly to have been expected that her severe and inartificial style of representation would have found favor in the eyes of a people so devoted to an arbitrary mode of acting and expression.

Nothing, indeed, can be more free from trick or affectation than Pasta's performance. There is no perceptible effort to resemble the character she plays; on the contrary, she enters on the stage the character itself; transposed into the situation, excited by the hopes and the fears, breathing the life and the spirit of the being she represents.

The character of Madame Pasta's voice is, as to compass, a mezzo soprano, the present excellence of which evinces the richest and most industrious cultivation.

On the truth, the force, and splendor of her acting, volumes might be compiled of



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unqualified panegyric from the first critical authorities throughout Europe. Never were opinions more unanimous, nor praise in its highest degree more justly earned.

The sensation excited by Madame Pasta's performances in the French Capital induced immediate steps to be taken for bringing her to London; and she re-appeared amongst us on Saturday, the 24th of March, 1824, as Desdemona, in Rossini's Otello. The manner in which she sustained that character is fresh in the remembrance of her innumerable admirers. She gave it a consequence and effect that enchained the attention and obtained the warmest suffrages of those who were least partial to the Opera itself. Her reputation, indeed, was, on this occasion, established, and she stood the reigning and unrivalled favorite of the lyrical stage. The general audience was captivated by the vigor and truth of her representation, and the musical judges found great cause of commendation in her science, and her chastened judgment, the exercise of which prevented too much being done, and left her triumph to be accomplished without the aid of artifice or misplaced execution.

Madame PASTA is certainly not less worthy of distinction as an actress than as a singer. Her expression and gesture are in excellent keeping with her singing; all three are the offspring of deep feeling and correct judgment. In figure she is rather below the middle size, but is exceedingly well proportioned. Her features are regular and expressive, and her whole countenance indicates a decided genius for the serious drama.

The principal Operas in which Madame Pasta has appeared in Italy, France, Germany, and England, are Otello, Medea, Camilla, Nina, Romeo e Giulietta, Tancredi, and La Rosa Bianca e Rosa Rossa.

Since Madame Pasta's last return to Italy, at the close of the season of 1829, her time has been passed partly in retirement on the banks of the Lake of Como, and partly in professional engagements at the principal towns of the Italian and German States, where she has been received with unbounded enthusiasm*.

Her renewed visit to this country in the course of the forthcoming season is confidently expected, and will be hailed by the lovers of the art of which she is so bright an ornament, and by all the admirers of her personal excellence and talent, with sincere welcome and delight.

And on the reverse, a laurel wreath, with

IVDITHÆ PASTA
COLL. AMPHIONVM
VERONENSE
INTER PLAUDENTES
OBSTUPESCENS.

[•] At Verona the Instituto Filarmonico of that city lately presented PASTA with a medal, having on one side Alterna Vice Triumphans.
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SPIRIT OF MUSIC.

THE WORDS BY MISS SMITH.

Spirit! Spirit! come to me now!

The leaves are trembling on the bough,
And the sweet breath of the western bread.

Shakes clouds of blossoms from the trees:
The nightingale, thy fav'rite child,
Fills the air with her warblings wild!

Now is the genial hour for thee:
Spirit of Music! come to me!

Spirit of Melody! Spirit divine!

Thou knowest, thou knowest my soul is thine!

Grant me a voice whose thrilling tone,

Whose sweetness, may be all thine own!

Give me to touch, by its secret lore.

Hearts that have never been touch'd before!

Thou that dwell'st in the balmy air,

Spirit of Music! hear my pray'r!

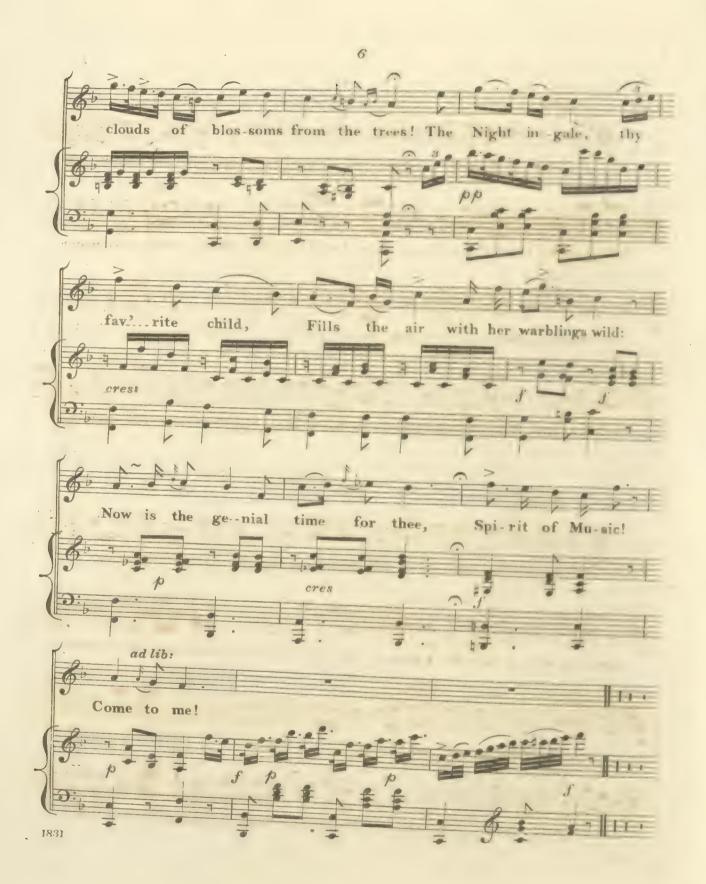
Beautiful Spirit! I call thee again!
Oh! let not thy captive plead in vain!
I sue for a power that may breathe
Calmness and peace! for I would wreathe
Such a mystic spell around the soul
As colder sway shall ne'er control!
Come, with thy healing minstrelsy.
Celestial Spirit! O come to me!

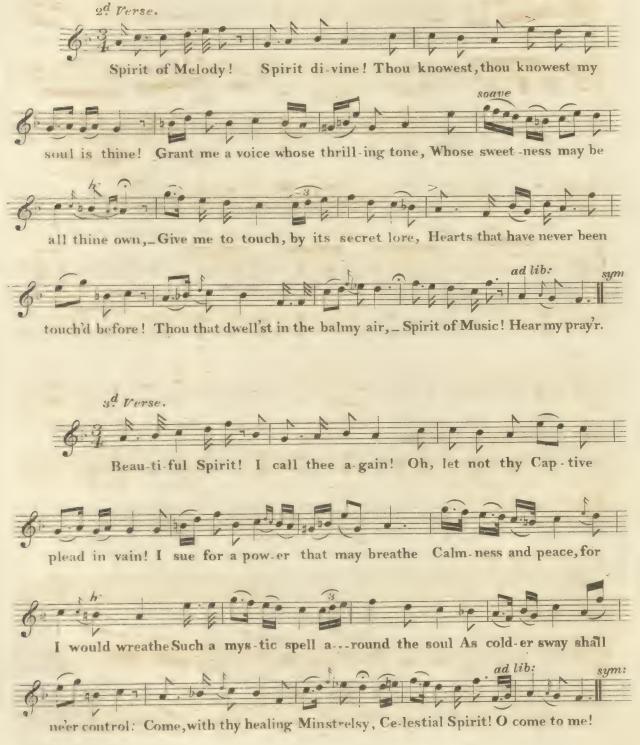
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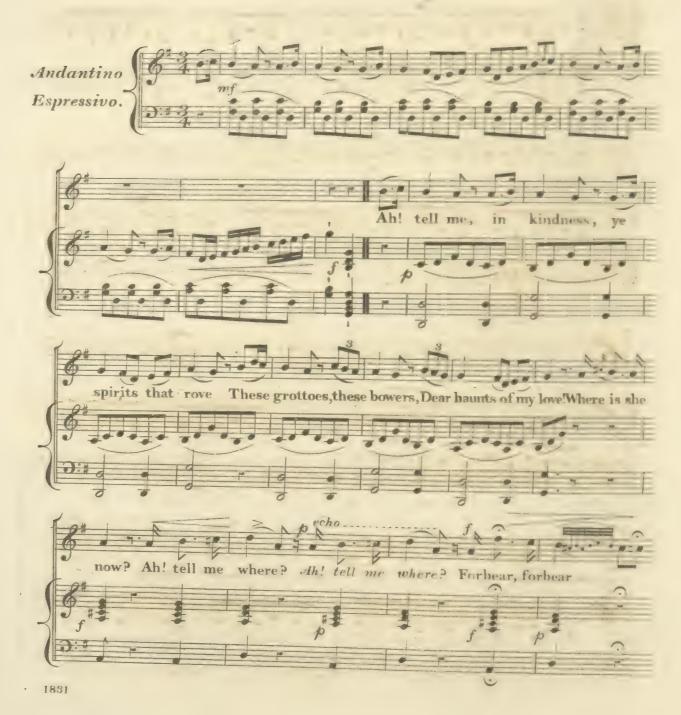
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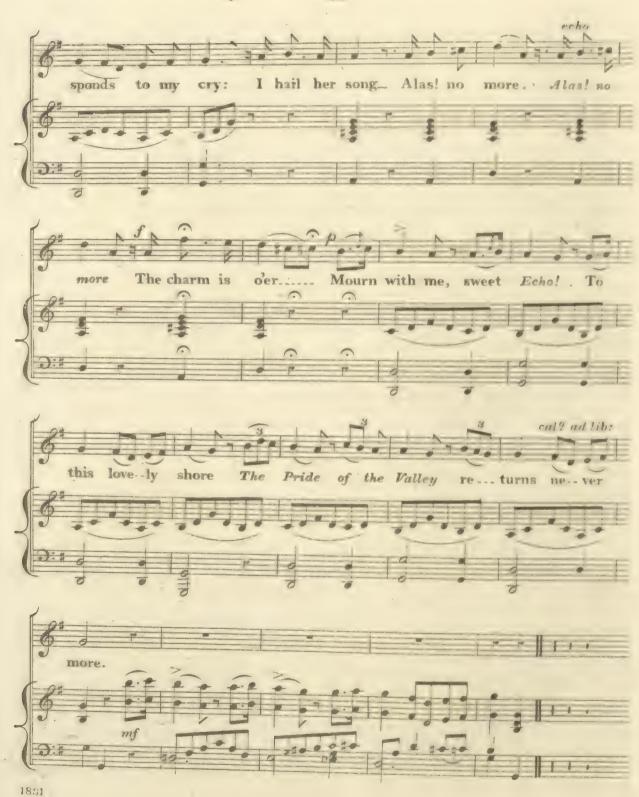


THE PRIDE OF THE VALLEY,

The Unsichy Himmel.







THE PRIDE OF THE VALLEY.

THE WORDS BY G. J. SEYMOUR.

Ah! tell me, in kindness, ye spirits that rove
These grottoes, these bowers, dear haunts of my love!
Where is she now? Ah! tell me where!
(Echo) Ah! tell me where.—Forbear, forbear!
I hear thee, sad Echo! my dark fate I see,
And The Pride of the Valley returns not to me.

No answers but thine to my lorn heart reply,

No more her sweet music responds to my cry:

I hail her song, alas! no more.

(Echo) Alas! no more.—The charm is o'er!

Mourn with me, sweet Echo! to this lovely shore

The Pride of the Valley returns never more.

"HASTE THEE, LOVE!"

THE WORDS BY W. E. ATTFIELD.

O! haste thee, love, hither! the tabors are sounding,

The lively guaracha is heard o'er the sea;

My own fairy bark, on the light billow bounding,

Waits only, waits only for thee.

The sweet mandolin, to the castagnet ringing,

The dance, gaily woven again and again,

Oh! these shall be thine, love! to memory bringing

The pleasures long past of our dear native Spain.

Then haste thee, love, &c.

No longer, my own love, no longer in sadness

We'll droop o'er the shadows of moments gone by;

But offer our hearts to the sunshine of gladness,

Whenever a beam shall be nigh.

The breeze, with its perfumes from grove and from bower,

Now o'er the dark waters is shedding its balm;

The earth it is breathing a charm on the hour,

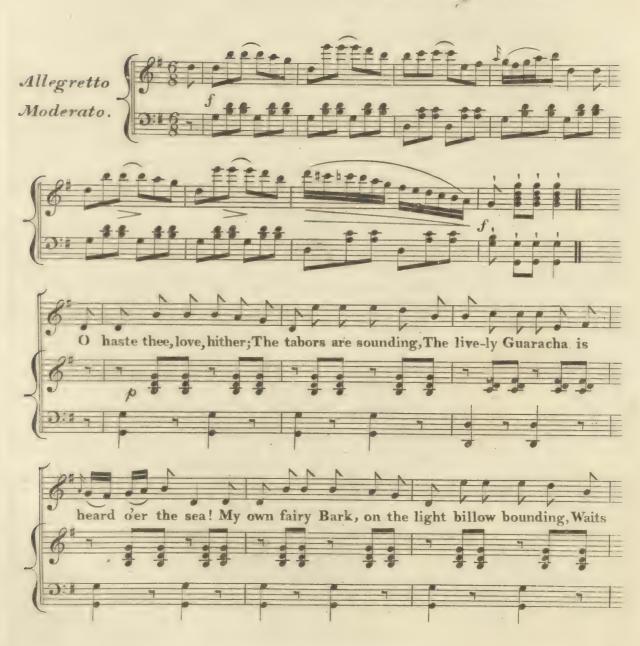
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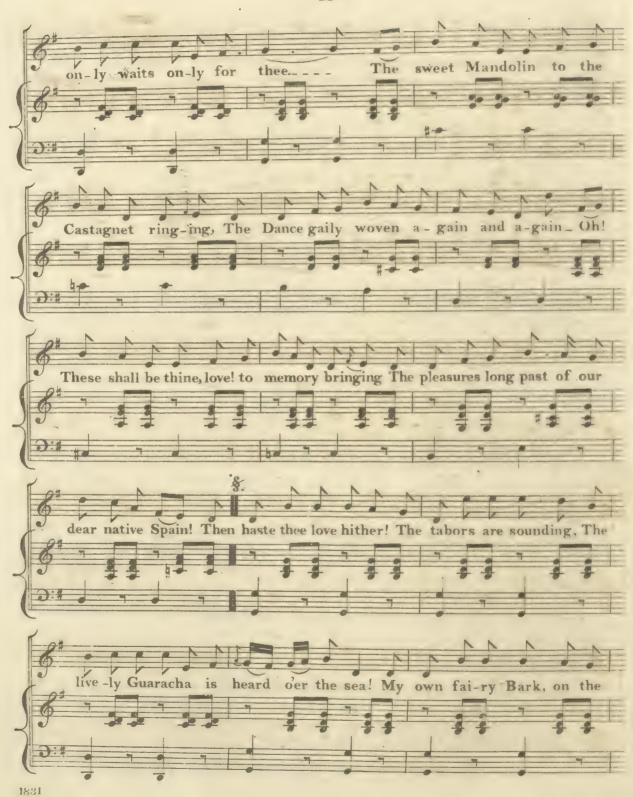
Then haste thee, love, &c.

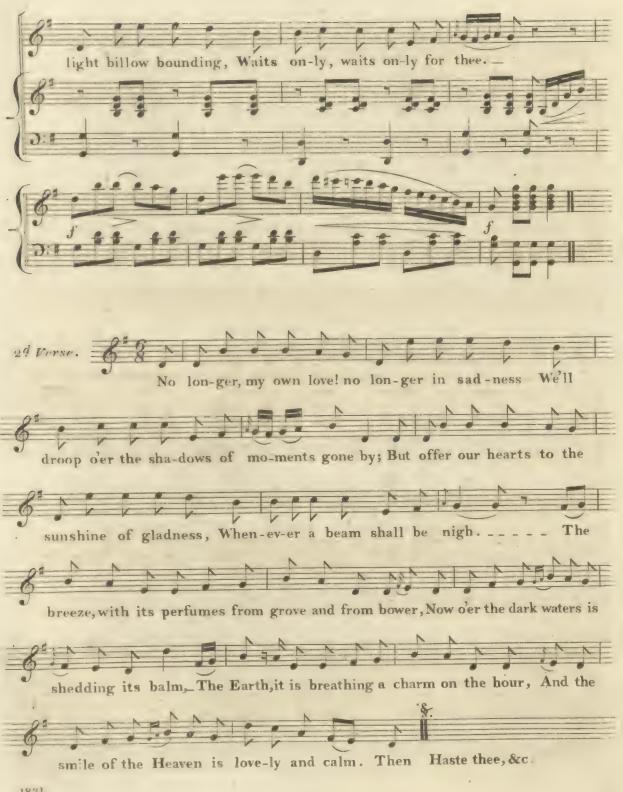
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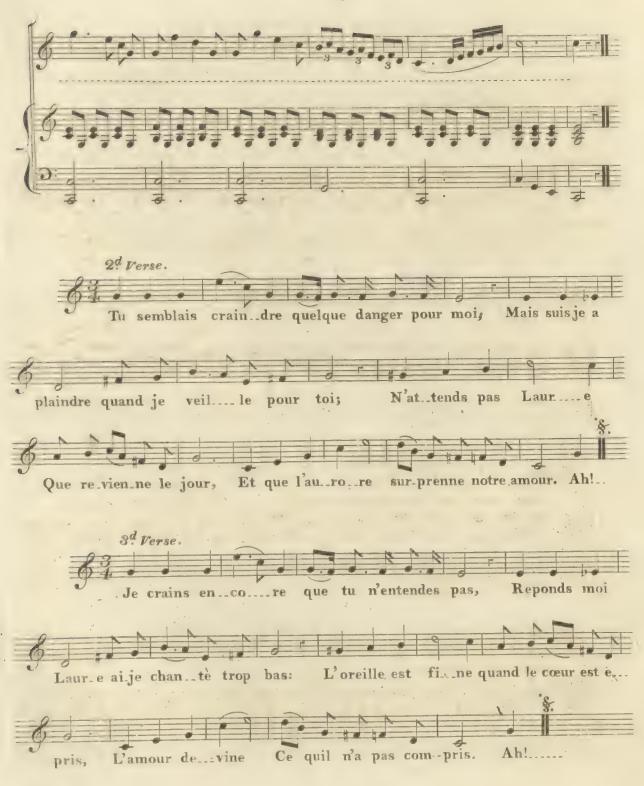


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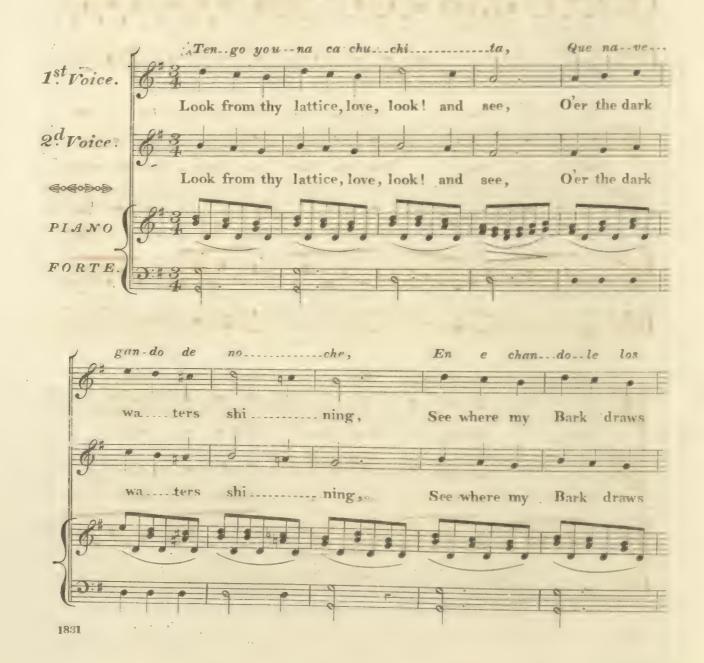


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Hither! and, while thy trembling eye
Brightens with hope endearing,
Silently over the wave we'll fly,
Like the swift breeze careering.
Look from thy tow'r,—Why dost thou stay, love?
Hark! 'Tis the hour,—Hie thee away, love,
Hie thee away!
Down the lone stair watchfully stray, love,—
Danger lurks there,—Haste thee away,love,—
Haste thee away!

LA SERENADE.

PAROLES DE MADAME LA COMTESSE DE BRADI.

(FROM THE ALBUM OF A LADY OF TITLE.)

Sous ta fenêtre je chante doucement!

Laure peut-être entendra son amant;

J'attends que l'ombre enveloppe les cieux,

Que la nuit sombre me cache à tous les yeux.

Tu semblais craindre quelque danger pour moi;
Mais suis-je à plaindre quand je veille pour toi?
N'attends pas Laure que revienne le jour,
Et que l'aurore surprenne notre amour.

Je crains encore que tu n'entends pas ;
Reponds moi, Laure, ai-je chanté trop bas ?
L'oreille est fine quand le cœur est épris,
L'amour devine ce qu'il n'a pas compris.

LOOK FROM THY LATTICE, LOVE.

THE WORDS FROM THE SPANISH BY G. J. SEYMOUR.

Look from thy lattice, love! look, and see!
O'er the dark waters shining,
See where my bark draws near for thee—
Hasten, for day is declining.
Softly afar
Dies the dim ray, love:
Lo! the night-star—
Hither away, love,
Hither away!
Ev'ry vain fear
Pr'ythee allay, love:
Freedom is here—
Hither away, love,
Hither away, love,
Hither away!

Hither! and, while thy trembling eye
Brightens with hope endearing,
Silently over the wave we'll fly,
Like the swift breeze careering.
Look from thy tow'r;
Why dost thou stay, love?
Hark! 'tis the hour—
Hie thee away, love,
Hie thee away!
Down the lone stair
Watchfully stray, love:
Danger lurks there—
Haste thee away, love,
Haste thee away!

Look from thy lattice, love! heedful be!

Ere the bright moon arising

Flings her broad ray o'er shore and sea,

Thy secret path surprising.

Ah! thou art nigh,

List'ning my lay, love:

Tarry not—fly!

Hither away, love!

Hither away!

Ev'ry vain fear

Pr'ythee away, love!

Freedom is here—

Hither away!

LA CACHUCHA*.

Tengo yo una cachuchita
Que navegando de noche
En echandole los remos
Parece que voy en coche
Vamonos china del alma
Vamonos à Puerto Real
Vamonos
Que para pasar trabajos
Lo mismo da aqui que allà
Vamonos.

Mi cachucha en alta mar
A todos vientos camina
Y nunca va mas ligera
Que cuando va de bolina
Vamonos china del alma
Vamonos a la caleta
Vamonos
Veremos los guacamayos
Con fusil y bayoneta
Vamonos.

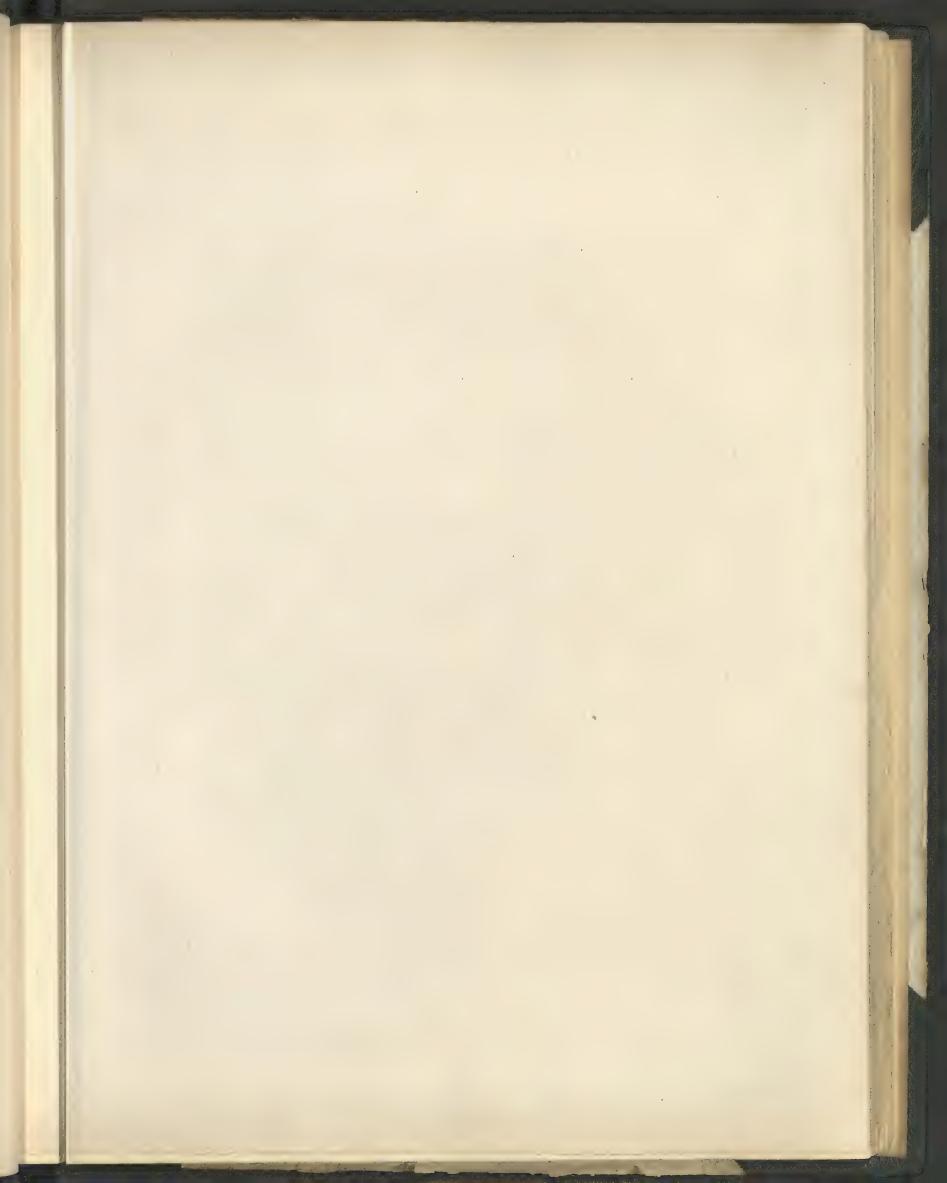
Tengo yo una cachuchita
Que me la dio un cachuchero,
Vaya, una cosa bonita
Con muchisimo salero
Vamonos china del alma
Vamonos al melonar
Vamonos
Y en el caminito, haremos
Entre los dos un telar
Vamonos,

* This word, which is not to be found in any dictionary of the Spanish language, is ordinarily applied to a favorite damsel, a bird, a little cap, and, in short, to anything that is graceful or pretty. In the dialect of the Gittanos, or gipsies of Andalusia, the same term signifies gold. In a more elevated style, cachucha means that part of the quiver in which Cupid puts his darts. In the above song it means a boat. The songs of this class are various.

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The cachucha solo, danced either by a man or a woman alone, though better suited to the latter, is admirably calculated to accompany the medley of music peculiar to this dance; which is sometimes impassioned, sometimes sprightly, and sometimes gracefully calm[†].

† The celebrated Senora Mercandotti (now Mrs. Hughes Ball), so highly admired at the King's Theatre during her short engagement in 1822 and 1823, made her first appearance in La Cachucha at that house when only fifteen years of age.





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PAGANINI.

The fame of Nicolo Paganini, as the first of Violinists, has long resounded throughout Europe. Travellers of various nations have concurred in verifying amongst us the wonders told of this great master; and the most skilful professors of music, familiarized to the display of excelling talent, have pronounced him not only to be beyond all precedent afforded us "by tale or history," but so far to have outstripped all living rivalry, that no description can do justice to the powers which distinguish him from every other artist of our time.

This extraordinary man, the son of an eminent professor of the violin at Genoa, was born in that city in the year 1783. He commenced taking lessons from his father when very young, and was then placed under the tuition of the Director of the Orchestra, Giacamo Costa, by whose assistance his musical knowledge was rapidly advanced. While yet a boy, he quitted Genoa for Milan, to avail himself of the instructions of Alexander Rolla (at that period justly accounted the first violinist in Italy), from whom he received so much advantage, that in 1792, when only eight years of age, he gave concerts, and at twelve became known as a composer. Shortly after, he was named leader of the band at Lucca; he was then fourteen; from thence he removed to Naples, where his performances were attended with extraordinary success.

In 1805 Paganini entered the service of Napoleon's sister Eliza, Princess of Lucca and Piambino, in the capacity of director of the orchestra; and, when she became Grand Duchess of Tuscany, he followed her to Florence, where he became the object of unbounded admiration. Having, in consequence of a wager, one night led an opera and played a solo on a violin with only two strings, the third and fourth, it is said that the Princess suggested to him the idea of composing a concerto for the fourth string, after she had heard him draw such surprising tones from it; and also that she had much difficulty in persuading him to avail himself of his talent. This, however, was the origin of those tours de force he has since accustomed himself to make on his instrument, and which, in coupling so much of eccentricity with the science over which his mastery is so absolute, have given the performances of Paganini a fame and character perfectly unique. It was in 1810 that he for the first time gave, at a court concert, his variations on the fourth string, the extent of which he had carried to three octaves, by means of harmonic sounds. This novelty succeeded prodigiously, especially when he had made it public, which he did at a concert given by him at Parma on the 10th of August, 1811.

When Paganini became known to Rossini, the latter, who plays all kinds of instruments, is said to have been so captivated by the talent of the Genoese, that for six months he devoted himself to the arduous and not unsuccessful study of the violin. Meyerbeer, the celebrated composer, once underwent an equal fascination. He was on the point of quitting Florence for Naples, where he was going to bring out one of his works. That town, which he had never yet seen, held out a double attraction to him. He was eager to enjoy its delightful climate; but he heard Paganini, and both Naples and his opera were forgotten. Paganini travelled through Tuscany; Meyerbeer followed him, and heard him eighteen times before he could prevail upon himself to leave him. In a country where all are musicians, where they have music at every moment in the day, and where consequently they care but little for concerts, Paganini attracted

crowds everywhere, and excited a universal enthusiasm. At Milan, during one visit. he gave nineteen concerts in succession, and without diminution of his audiences; in Germany, where many obstacles were arrayed against him, he enjoyed similar triumphs: at Vienna, the rooms were not large enough to contain the concourse; and at Berlin, where the opposition was still greater, the same circumstances were repeated, and the farewell that he received at his eighteenth concert consisted in an invitation to remain there for ever. At Dresden, Frankfort, Leipsic, Breslau, Prague, and Stutgard, he turned the heads of the cold inhabitants of the North with the same success. At Warsaw, the Polish dilettanti, on the day of his departure, assembled to the number of eighty, about half a league from the town, and Elsner, the Director of the Conservatory, presented him, in the name of the party, with a gold snuff-box bearing an inscription tributary to his unrivalled talents. This was in 1829. The limits of this brief sketch will not allow of our citing those extraordinary instances of the surprising genius and abilities of Paganini which are so well remembered at the various places he has visited, particularly at Rome, at Verona, and at Milan; at which latter city a memorable exemplification of his superiority was afforded in a trial of skill between him and the celebrated Lafont. In fact, his execution was so wonderful, that Lafont, who has a just claim to great talent, no longer doubted the power of the daring Genoese to conquer

The latest accounts of Paganini represent his reception everywhere throughout his renewed tour in Germany as enthusiastic in the extreme. It is confidently stated, that he will shortly appear in the French capital, and from thence proceed to London, where the highest interest is excited by the unanimous accounts we have received of his great abilities, the fruit of a genius and a perseverance which have achieved for him a reputation unequalled in the annals of the art+.

^{*} Mr. F. Cianchettini, who was present at the contest where the public judgment conferred new wreaths on Paganini, justly says: "M. Lafont, having acquiesced in silence to such a decision, does not diminish one iota of his acquired fame; as not only himself, but every living violinist who dares to enter into rivalry with Paganini, will be prostrated."

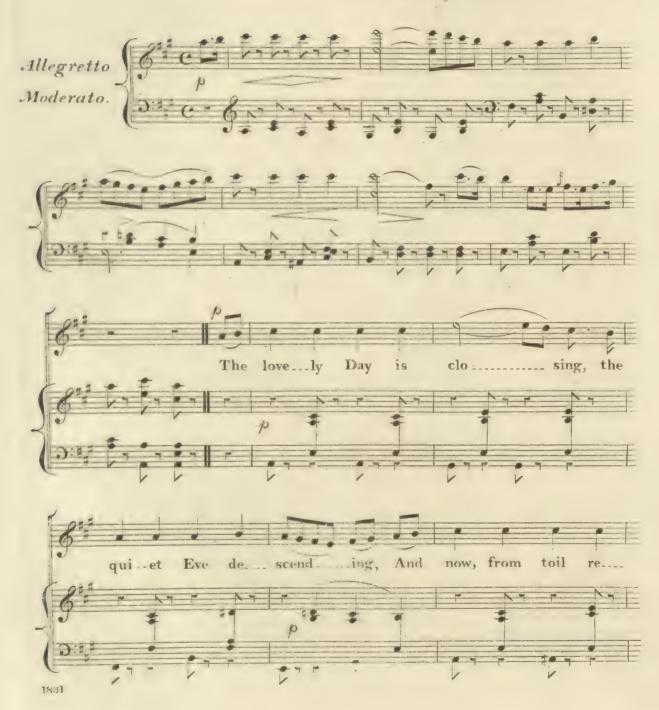
[†] As "Envy will Merit as its shade pursue," it is not to be supposed that disappointed Mediocrity has traced without calumny and imputation the path of Paganini. Rumors, propagated by malevolence, of his having, at some period, undergone a long incarceration for a crime committed under the excitement of domestic jealousy, and of his owing all his talent to the leisure of imprisonment, were at one time prevalent in Italy, and even preceded him to Vienna, where a great number of the credulous inhabitants became prejudiced against him. He demanded an enquiry from the Austrian Government, and the result proved the absurdity of the charge. It had its origin, however, in a mistake: a Polish violin-player, who had been arrested for debt at Milan, having been the person with whose name that of Paganini had been confounded amid the exaggerations of report.

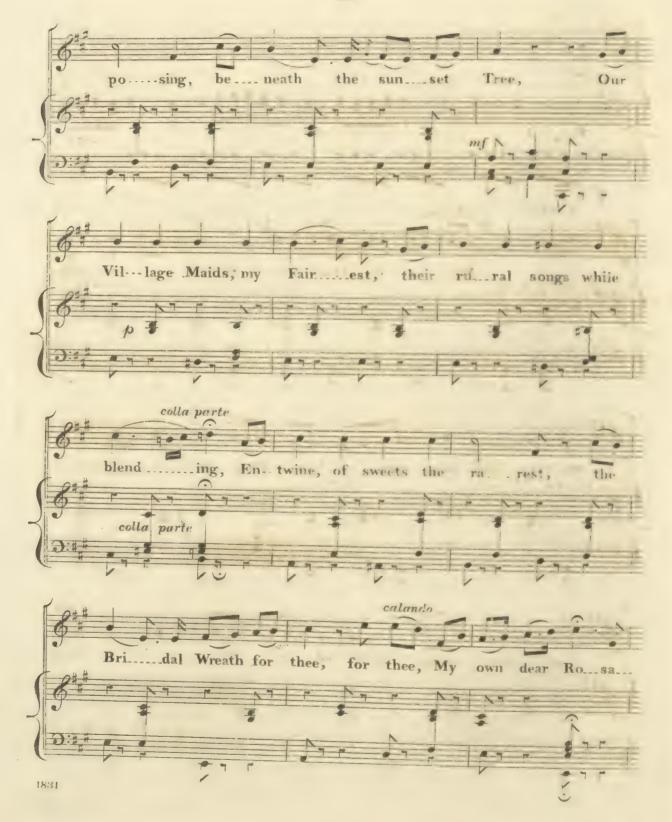
The personal appearance of Paganini is singularly striking. In stature he is rather above the middle height: his constitution is weak, and his carriage is extremely languid. Although retiring, his deportment does not want ease or dignity. Long black curling hair shades his face, and makes the melancholy paleness of his complexion still more remarkable. His nose is prominent, and his long and thin countenance has the aspect of what physicians call the Hippocratic face. His eyes, though small, are sharp, piercing, and full of expression; and his physicians call the without being disagreeable, is not prepossessing at first sight, becomes attractive so soon as it is animated. He has the appearance of a valetudinarian, and indeed for some years he has suffered from an affection of the chest.—Vide "Some Account of the celebrated Violinist, Nicolo Paganini, translated from the French of G. Imbert de

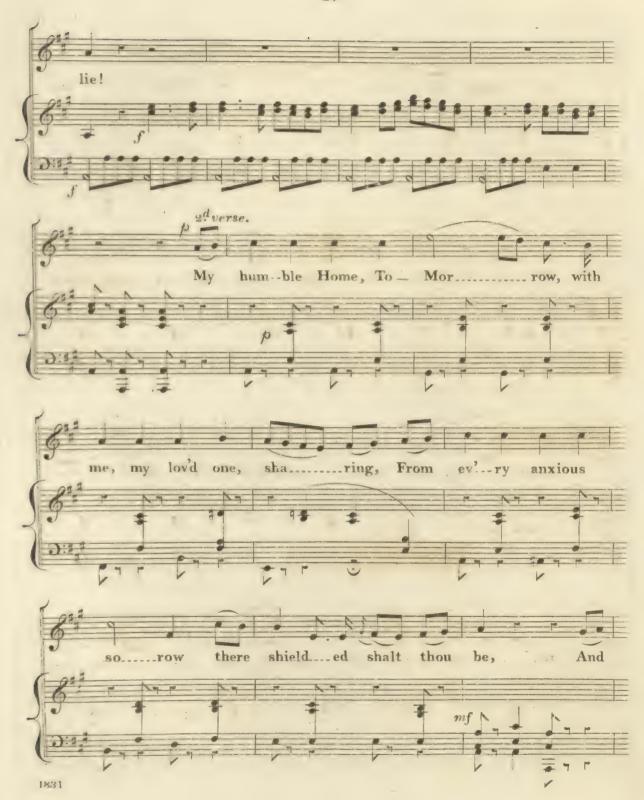
Paganini's compositions are numerous, and are progressively increasing. They abound in charming melodies, and present striking combinations of profound skill and characteristic originality. His quartets for two violins, tenor, and bass, have been well known in Italy for fifteen or eighteen years.

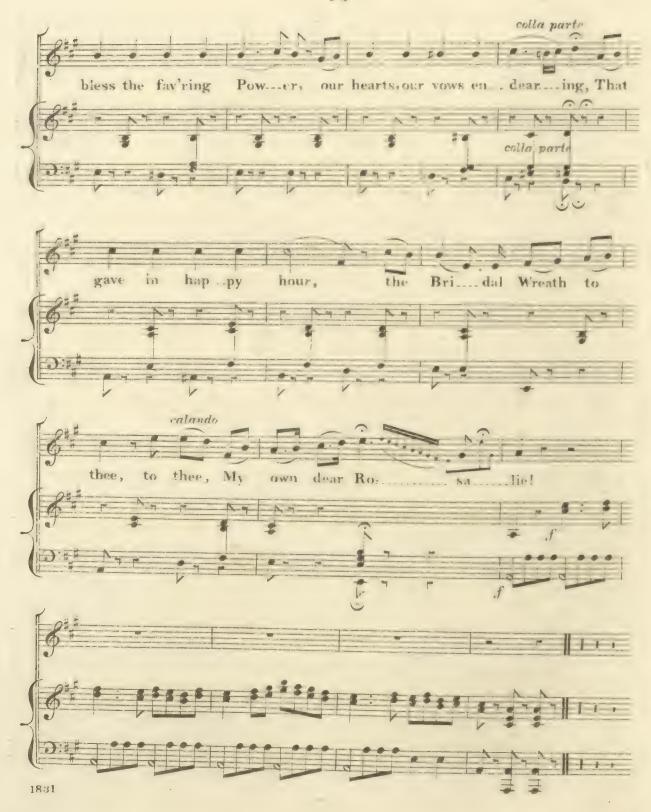
BOSALIE.

The Music by Bellini









ROSALIE.

THE WORDS BY WILLIAM BALL.

The lovely day is closing,

The quiet eve descending,

And now, from toil reposing

Beneath the sun-set tree,

Our village maids, my fairest,

Their rural songs while blending,

Entwine, of sweets the rarest,

The bridal wreath for thee,

My own dear Rosalie!

My humble home, to-morrow,

With me, my lov'd one, sharing,

From ev'ry anxious sorrow

There shielded shalt thou be,

And bless the fav'ring Pow'r,

Our hearts; our vows endearing,

That gave, in happy hour,

The bridal wreath to thee,

My own dear Rosalie!

THE WARNING.

"EL AMOR SIEMPRE EMPIEZA."

BY W. E. ATTFIELD.

HOLERO*

Love, that from flower to flower
For sport delusive flies,
Knows but a joyless hour,
That soon in sorrow dies.

Ye, who the charm would borrow That faithful bosoms share, Ye, who would shun that sorrow, Of that vain sport beware! El amor siempre empieza
Por algun chiste,
En sugeciones media,
Y acaba triste.

Por eso es bueno, Para evitar tristezas, Huir del chiste.

^{*} The Bolero.—This favourite Dance of the Spanish people, which is of a more noble and restrained character than the fundance, is executed by two persons, male and female. It comprises five divisions; namely, the passo, or promenade, a sort of preparatory movement; the traversias, or crossing, which reverses the places of the dancers; and then the differencias, which demands a change of steps. The traversias, or back again, is then followed by the finales, which is succeeded by the bien parado, a graceful display of attitude or position by the couple who are dancing. The air of the bolero is sometimes set to the time of 2, at others 3. The music, which abounds with cadences, in susceptible of great variety, and bears some resemblance to that of the polaca. The subject or melody of this dance may be altered at pleasure; but its peculiar accent, its time, and its flourishes, must be well measured: the latter are termed false pauses. The steps of the bolero are performed terre-d-terre; they are either sliding, beaten, or retreating; being always, as it were, ben marcato, or clearly and strongly defined. When the boleros are sung, and accompanied by a guitar, they are called arguidillas boleras. Seguidillas means only sequel or continuation; the air being, in this case, the same as the bolero, continued by the voice and followed with a flourish from the instrument.

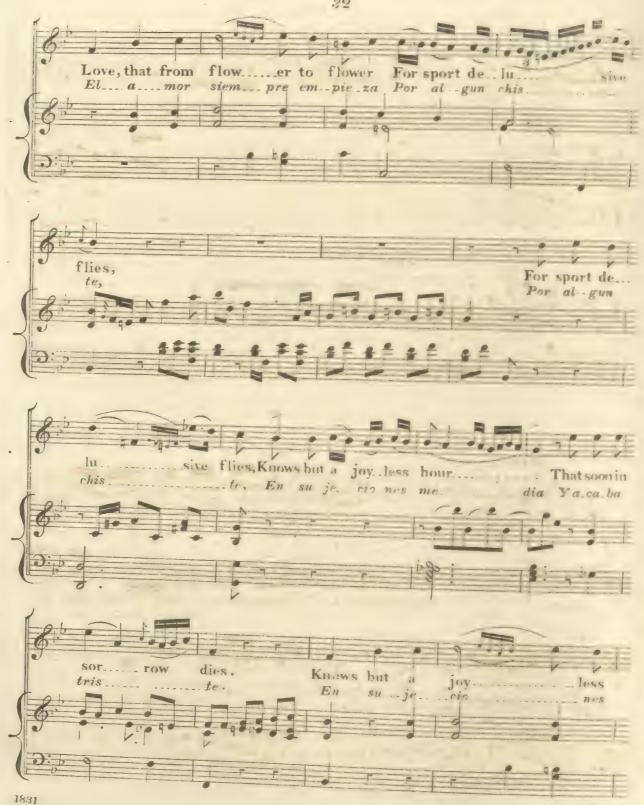
[&]quot;The word BOLERO, saltationis Hispaniæ genus, is derived from the verb volar, or from the Spanish noun volero, which is the same as volador, the sense of which has probably been applied to the bollero, from the lightness with which it ought to be executed."—BLASIS.

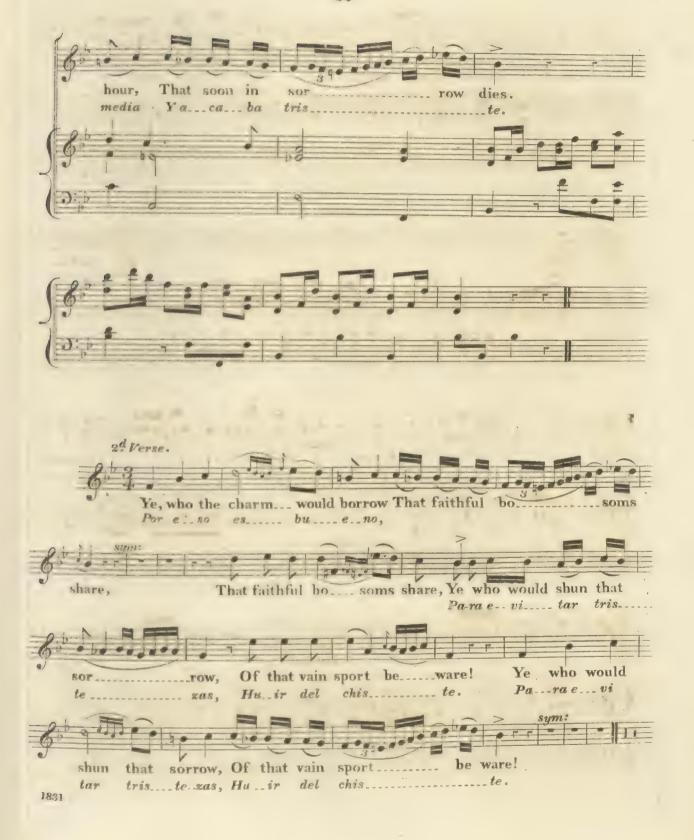
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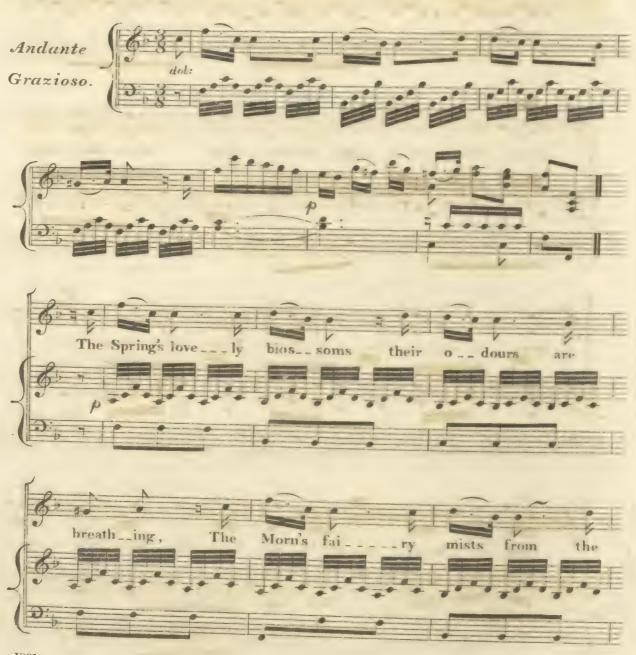




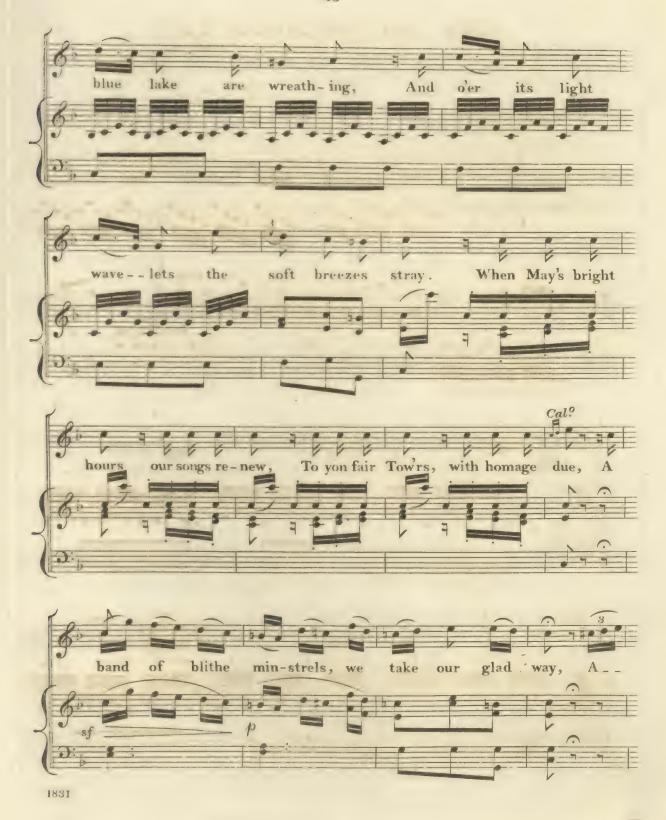
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CANZONET.

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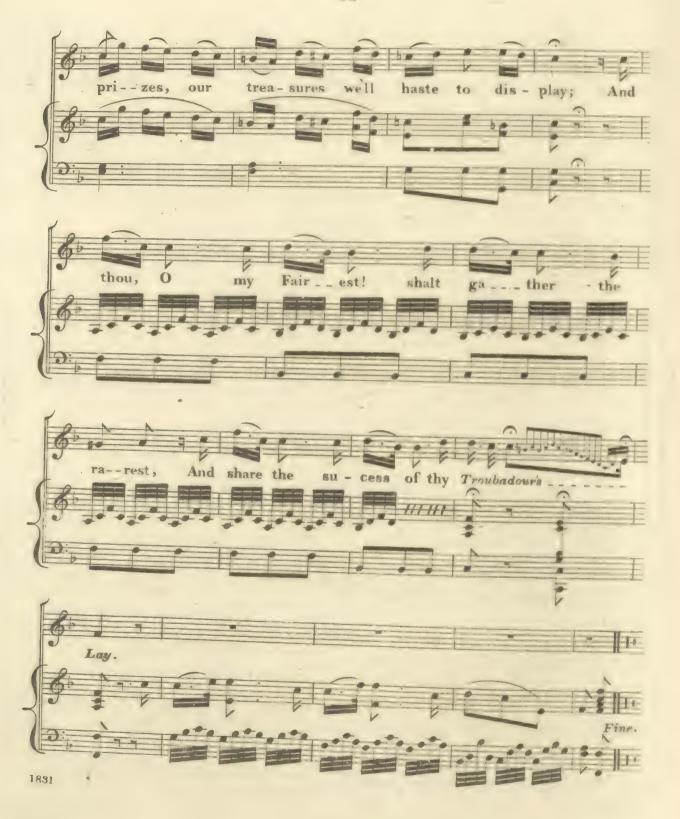


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THE TROUBADOUR'S LAY.

THE WORDS BY WALTER THORNTON, ESQ.

The Spring's lovely blossoms their odours are breathing,
The Morn's fairy mists from the blue lake are wreathing,
And o'er its light wavelets the soft breezes stray.

When May's bright hours our songs renew,
To you fair tow'rs, with homage due,
A band of blithe minstrels, we take our glad way:

Awhile, then, my dearest,
This heart ever nearest,
Adieu! and Success to thy Troubadour's lay!

When o'er the far mountain the ray is declining,
O'er hill-side and fountain when Hesper is shining,
And home we return with the wreaths of the day,
With store of praise from chieftains high,
And gifts to please a maiden's eye,
Our prizes, our treasures, we'll haste to display!
And thou, O my fairest!
Shalt gather the rarest,
And share the success of thy Troubadour's lay.

SYMPATHY.

THE WORDS BY THE LATE BISHOP HEBER.

A knight and a lady once met in a grove,

While each was in quest of a fugitive love;

A river ran mournfully murmuring by,

And they wept in its waters for sympathy.

"Oh! never was knight such a sorrow that bore!"

"Oh! never was maid so deserted before!"

"From life and its woes let us instantly fly,

"And jump in together for company!"

They search'd for an eddy that suited the deed,
But here was a bramble, and there was a weed:
"How tiresome it is!" said the fair, with a sigh:
So they sat down to rest them in company.
They gaz'd on each other, the maid and the knight:
How fair was her form! and how goodly his height!
"One mournful embrace," sobb'd the youth, "ere we die:"
So kissing and crying kept company.

"Oh! had I but lov'd such an angel as you!"

"Oh! had but my swain been a quarter as true!"

"To miss such perfection how blinded was I!"

Sure now they were excellent company!

At length spoke the lass, 'twixt a smile and a tear:

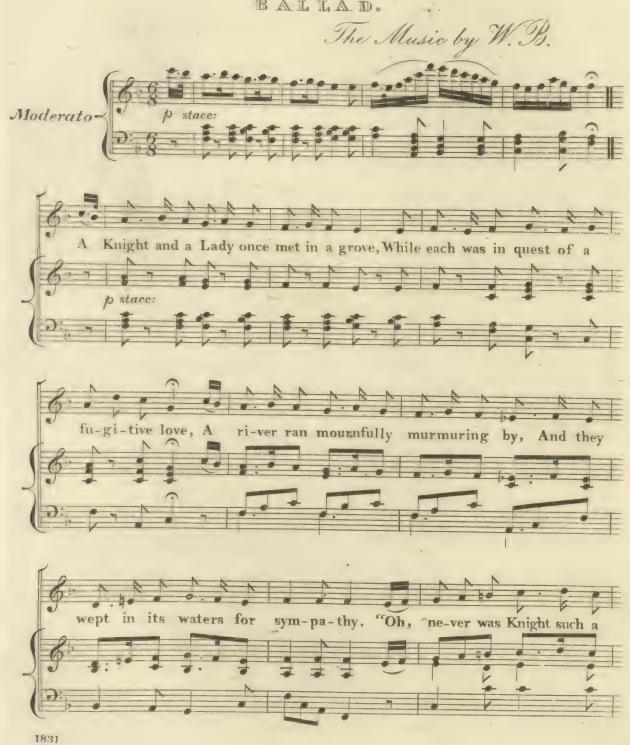
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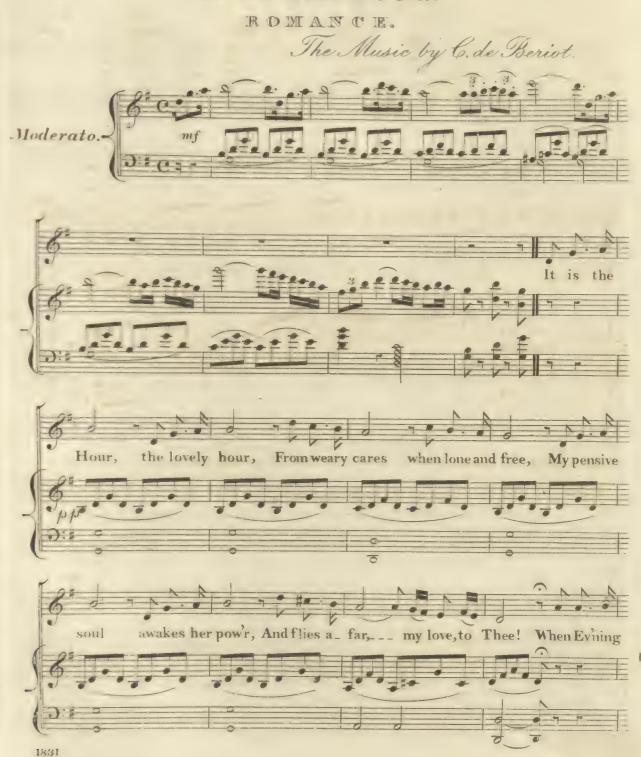




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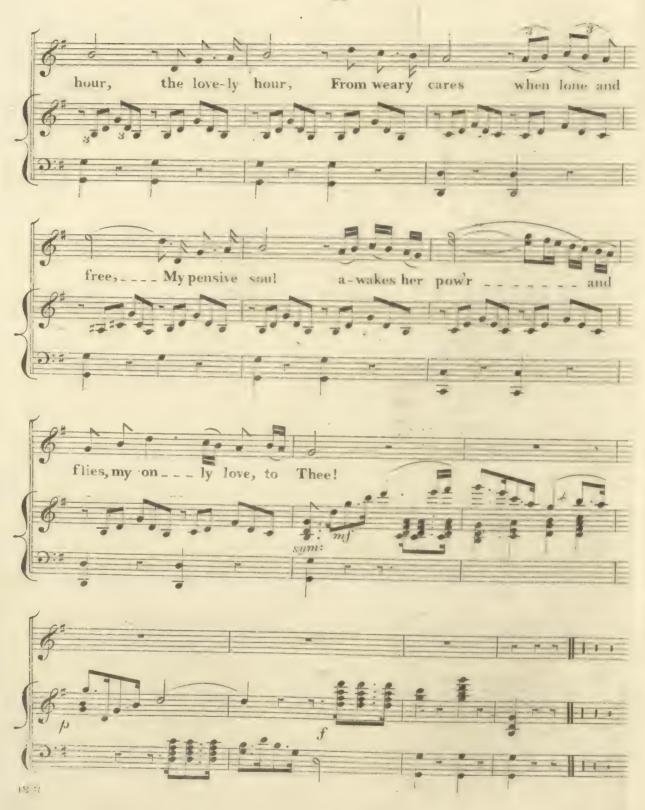
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"IT IS THE HOUR,









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THE WORDS BY WILLIAM BALL.

It is the hour, the lovely hour,

From weary cares when lone and free,
My pensive soul awakes her pow'r,

And flies afar, my love, to thee!

When Ev'ning leads her gentle store

Of hues divine o'er sea and shore,

Oh! then's the hour, the lovely hour, &c.

When all the stars, with glories new,

Are seen to leave their secret bow'rs,

As if to share, in worship due,

The incense of our breathing flow'rs,

And that sweet ray, that falls like balm,

Seems ev'ry earthly plaint to calm,

Oh! that's the hour, the lovely hour, &c.

J. N. HUMMEL.

JOHANN NEPOMUK HUMMEL, whose celebrity as a Composer for the Piano-forte, and whose skill and talent as a performer on that instrument, are of the highest order, was born at Presburg on the 14th of November, in the year 1778. His father, who was a teacher of music at the Military School of Wartberg, put the violin into the hands of his child when only in his fourth year. Instructions in singing and on the pianoforte followed, and in a very short time his progress distinguished him above all his fellow pupils. At the abolition of the above institution, M. Hummel removed to Vienna, where the precocious powers of his son soon engaged the attention of all the Connoiseurs, and it was agreed that the youthful wonder should be placed under the immediate care of Mozart, with whom he remained two years. When only nine years of age, he performed at a concert given by that great master at Dresden; and in the following year he played in public at Cassel: in both of which places he was received with enthusiasm. He then visited, with his father, the principal cities of Germany and Denmark, and passed the years 1791 and 1792 in England, where he published his Op. 1, which was engraved on copper, and dedicated to the Queen. In 1793 he returned to Germany, where, in that and the ensuing year, he performed at various towns, with prodigious success. At Vienna he began the study of composition, under Albrechtsberger, and subsequently cultivated, under the able Salieri, that of the dramatic department of his art. In 1803 he accepted the place of Chapel Master in the establishment of the Prince Nicolas Esterhazy; and his first Mass was honored by the entire commendation of the celebrated Haydn. The genius of Hummel now also manifested itself in compositions for the Ballet and the Opera of the Imperial Theatre, and several of his productions were received with the highest approbation. From 1811, when he quitted the Prince's service, he settled himself in Vienna; occasionally, however, making short excursions to Berlin, Leipsic, &c. being every where welcomed with enthusiastic applause, as the most extraordinary piano-forte player of the day. From the end of the year 1816 to 1818, he was Chapel Master to the King of Wirtemberg, and afterwards resided in the same capacity at Weimar, in the service of the Grand Duke. In 1821 he made two great journeys to St. Petersburgh and Moscow, and another to Holland in 1823. In the spring of 1830, the long-indulged expectation of a visit from Hummel to the French capital was fulfilled; and in the month of March last he gave a Concert in the Salle Chantereine, which was attended by all the distinguished amateurs and professors in Paris, and where he performed a new grand Concerto and a Fantasia with the most decided success. From Paris he proceeded to London, with the decided reputation of being the first in his line that the continent of Europe can at this time produce. His re-appearance in this metropolis was hailed with infinite delight by all the musical and fashionable Cognoscenti, and his first concert took place in the great room at the King's



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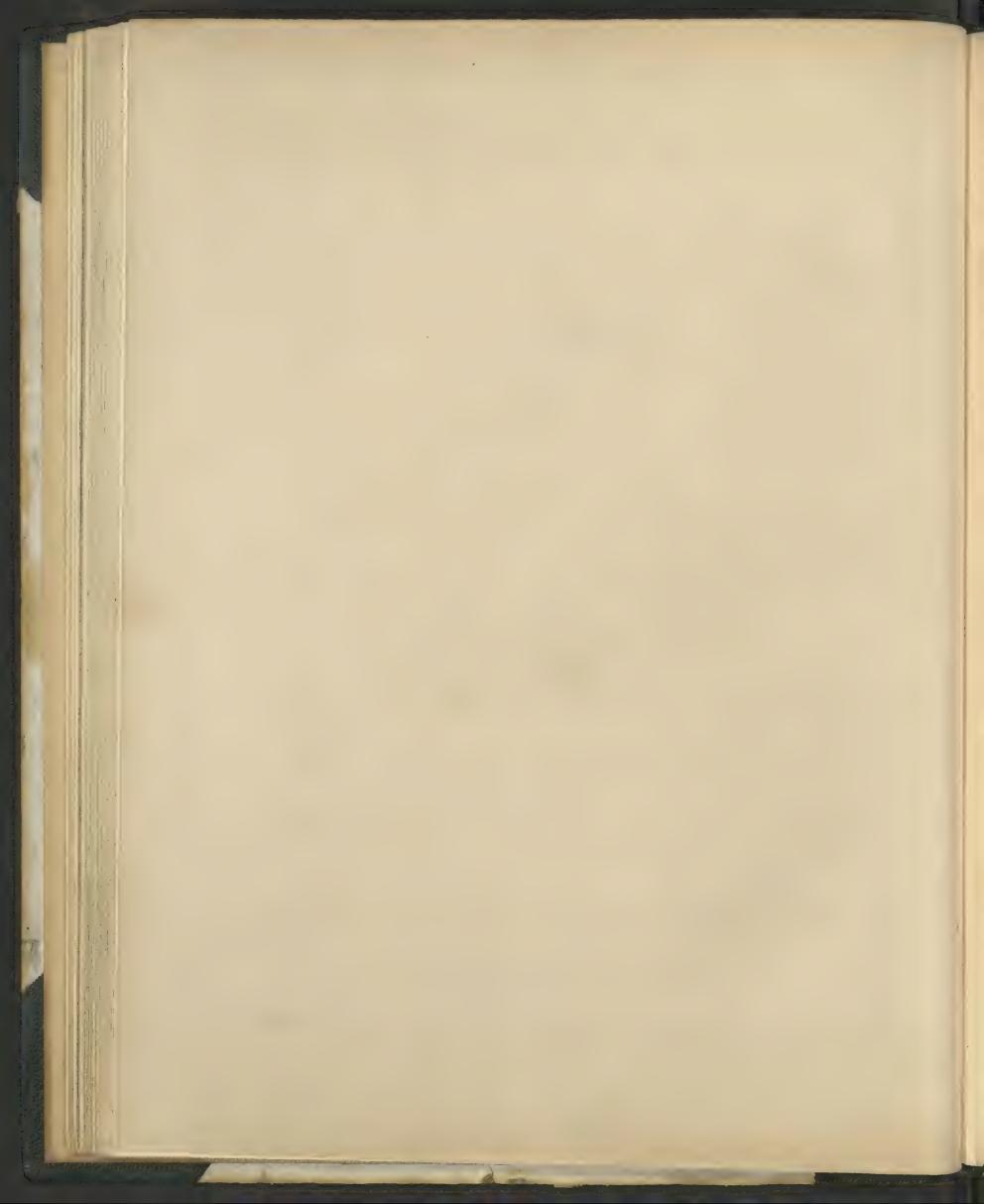
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Theatre, on the 29th of April. It is hardly necessary to say that he showed, in his performance, his entire command over the instrument, his thorough mastery of all styles, and the rich fertility of his resources. His second concert was distinguished by his playing, with M. Moscheles, a duet for two performers, by Mozart; the execution of which was as perfect as was to be expected from two such masters. Like the former, this concert terminated with an extemporaneous performance, upon a theme which had been furnished by one of the company, and which he finished with the very air, The Plough-Boy, which, forty years ago, he performed here when a boy; though he now treated it in a very different manner. The conclusion of this was one of the most splendid displays of piano-forte playing ever heard, and left an impression on his auditory which will never be effaced.

The attendance on the above occasion was immensely great; and on the 21st of June, when, from his stay being limited, his farewell concert was announced to take place, under the patronage of the Duchess of Clarence (her present Majesty), such was the desire to hear him, as it was likely no other opportunity would be presented, that the room was filled immediately after the opening of the doors*.

Mr. Hummel shortly afterwards quitted London for the continuance of his tour through Europe, which we understand to be preparatory to his finally settling in his native country, in the honorable enjoyment, with his family, of that handsome fortune which his talents and industry have acquired, and his habitual prudence has secured for the comfort and independence of the remainder of his life.

The scientific skill of the works of Hummel, which are very numerous, is every where acknowledged; and many excellent judges rank his compositions with those of Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven. He has produced several Masses, which are held in the highest estimation. Amongst his pieces for the piano-forte his Grand Duet for two performers is a masterpiece, replete with originality and beauty; and his Concerto in A minor is undoubtedly one of the finest productions for that instrument ever given to the musical world†.

His dramatic works are Helene et Paris, a Ballet; Das Balebte Gemählde, ditto; Sappho of Mitylene, ditto; Diana ed Endimione, a Cantata; Le Vicende d'Amore, Opera Buffa; Mathilde, Opera in three acts; Der Zauberring, Pantomime; and the Opera of Mathilda von Guise.

^{*} M. Hummel, at this Concert, played his own Sestet in D minor, a Rondo Brillant, the Duet of Mozart for two piano-fortes, with M. Moscheles, and concluded with an extemporaneous performance.

[†] The number of the published works of M. Hummel amounts to more than a hundred; among which, his Grand Septet, and the Concerto in B minor, are entitled to particular distinction; as are also his Concerto Les Adieux de Paris (Op. 110), and the Grand Concerto, Op. 113.

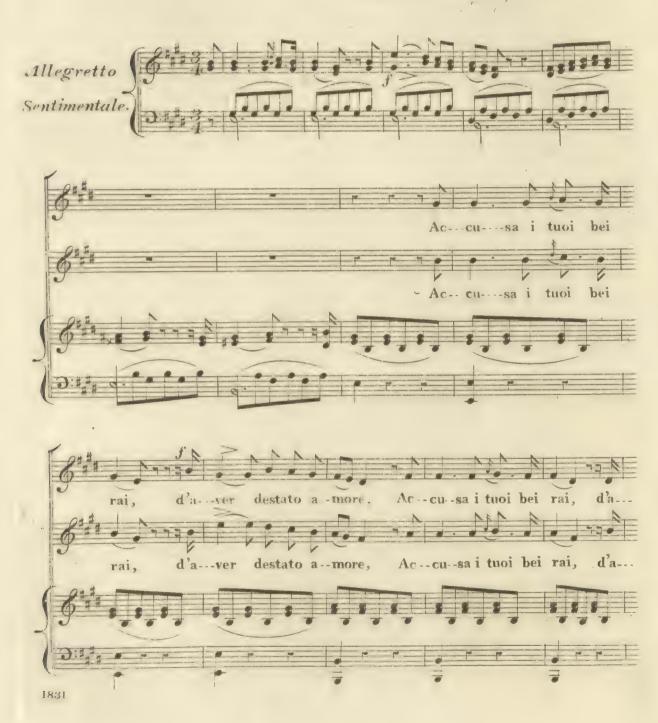
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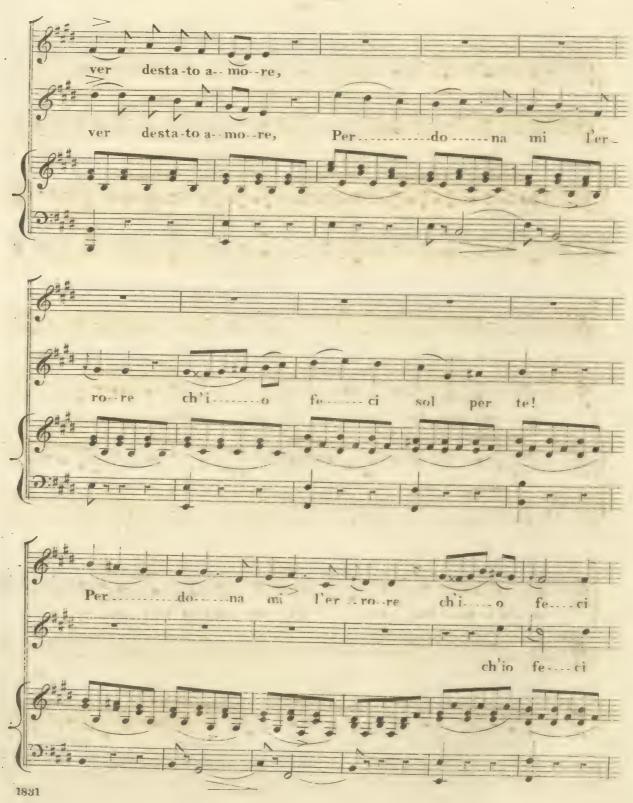
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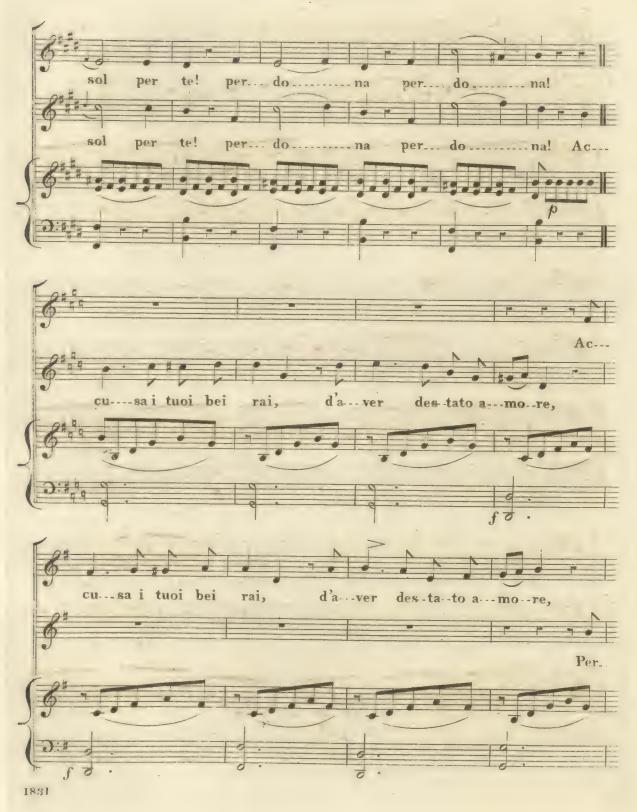
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D'aver detestato amore,
Perdona mi l'errore
Ch'io feci sol per te.

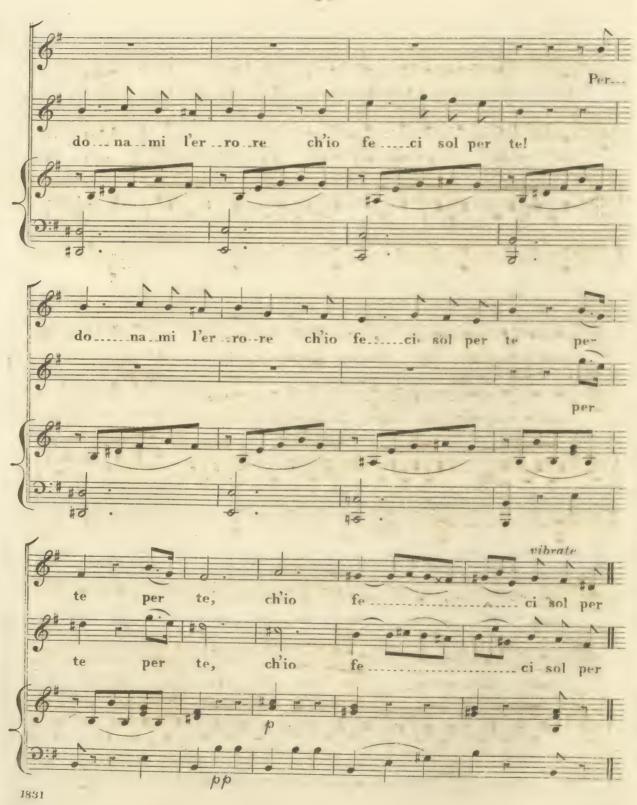
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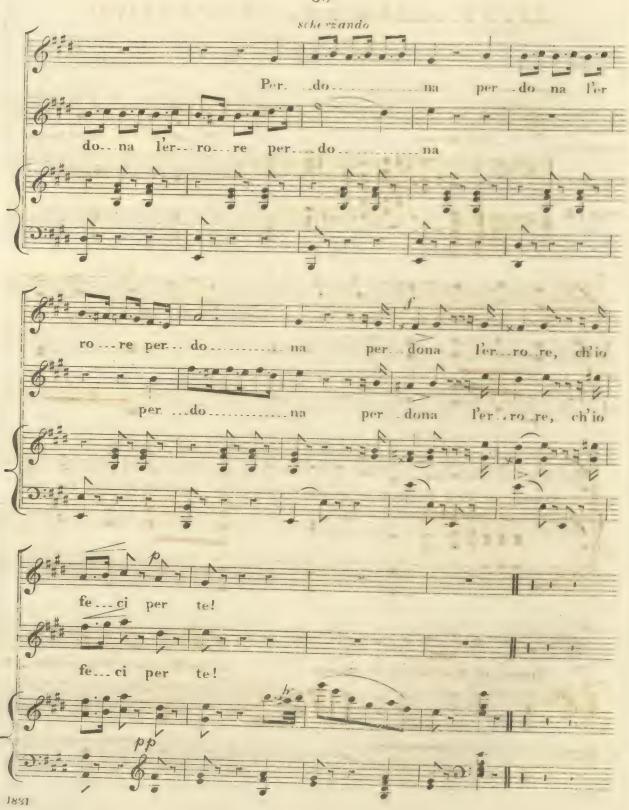






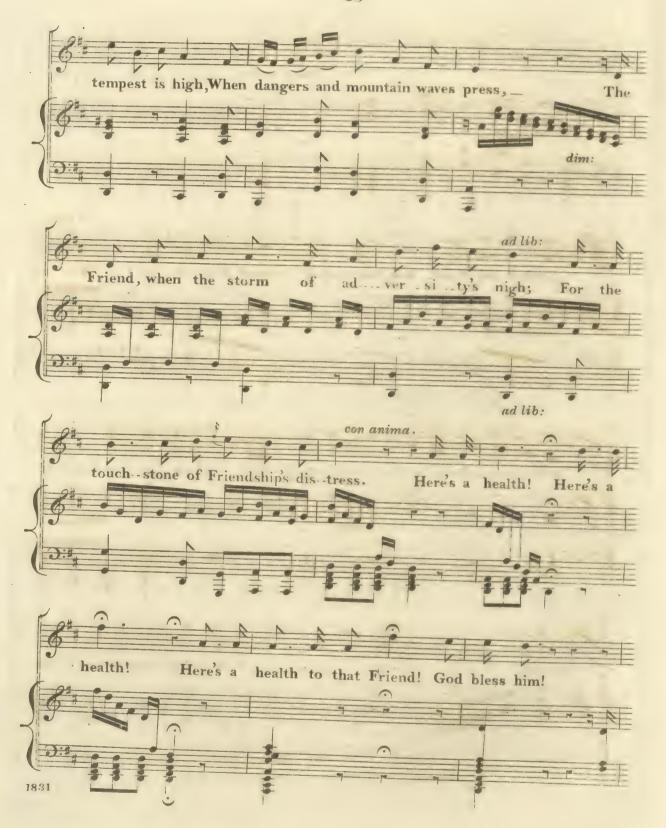


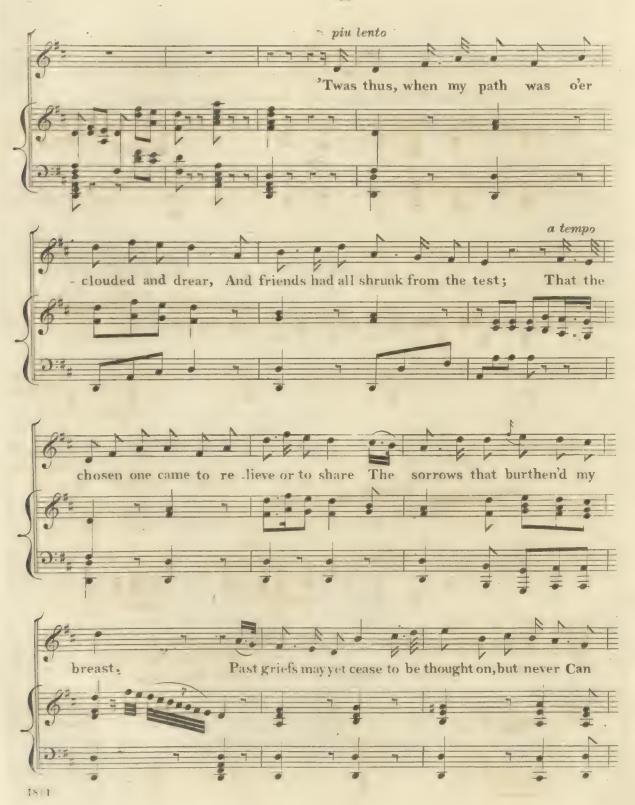


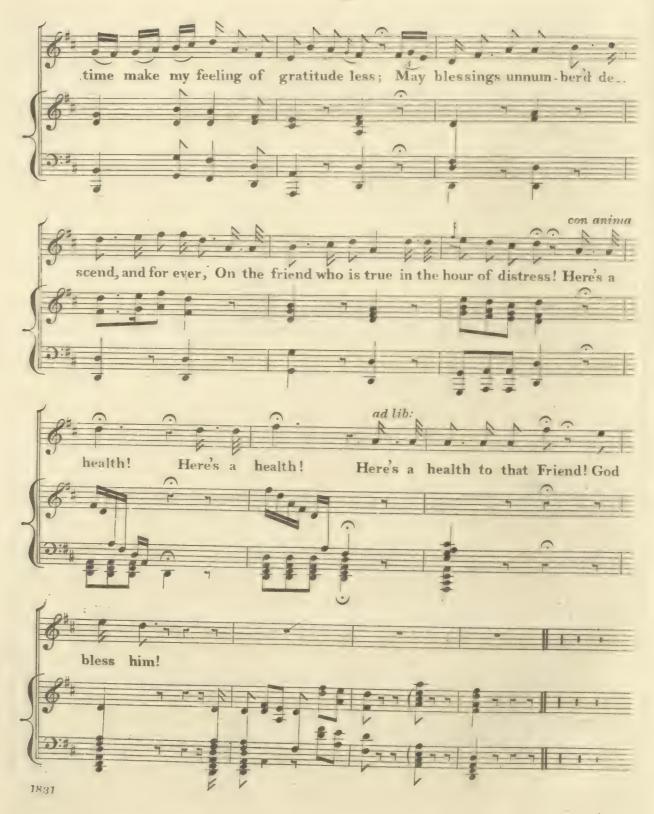


MERE'S AMEAUTH TO THAT PERIEND!









"HERE'S A HEALTH TO THAT FRIEND!"

(FROM A LADY'S ALBUM.)

'Tis not while the fairy breeze fans the green sea
That the strength of the bark may be known;
And 'tis not in prosperity's hour that the truth
Or the fervor of friends can be shown.

No! the bark must be prov'd when the tempest is high,

When dangers and mountain waves press;

The friend, when the storm of adversity's nigh,

For the touchstone of Friendship's distress.

Here's a health to that Friend! God bless him!

'Twas thus when my path was o'erclouded and drear,
And friends had all shrunk from the test,
That the chosen one came to relieve or to share
The sorrows that burthen'd my breast.

Past guilt may yet cease to be thought on; but never
Can time make my feeling of gratitude less:
May blessings unnumber'd descend, and for ever,
On the Friend who is true in the hour of distress!

Here's a health to that Friend! God bless him!

REZO,

THE PLANTING OF THE VINE.

THE WORDS FROM THE SPANISH BY W. B.

Gentle neighbours, join with me! Gentle neighbours! Holy Saint Anthony, prosper our labours!

Holy Saint Anthony! we bend before thee; Hear! we implore thee.

Oh! be thy blessing granted;
We bid the infant tree,
Which here our hands have planted,
In honor rise to thee:
Accept the gifts we render,
And guard this nurseling tender.
Holy St. Anthony! &c.

Ere long, with clusters teeming,
Oh! may its sweets impart

New courage, all redeeming,
To cheer the drooping heart,
And nerve for battle glorious
The hero's arm victorious.

Holy St. Anthony! &c.

Rear high its leafy bower,

And, when to court its shade

Shall come, in weary hour,

Some hapless pilgrim maid,

Dear Saint! thy pity yield her,

And 'neath our Vine enshield her.

Holy St. Anthony! &c.

SAN ANTON.

Santucho piadoso
Que osa regalarse
Por mortificarse
Con vino precioso
De cuerpo monstruoso
E in chada bariga.
Ay, San Anton!

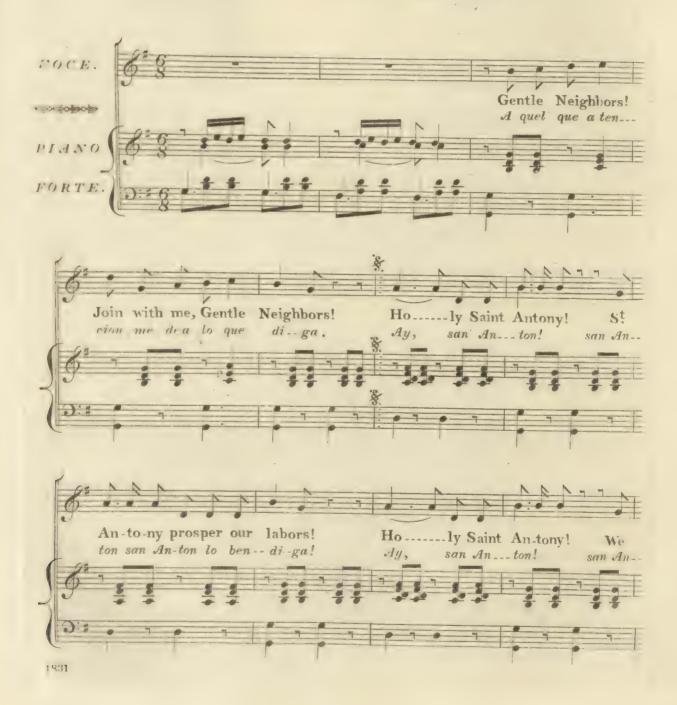
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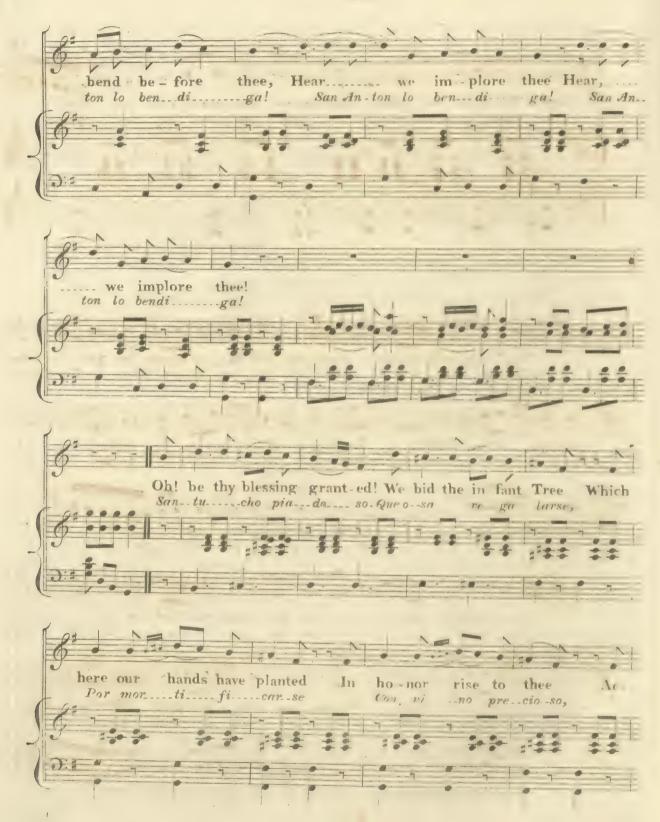
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A par de madama
Y su asedio trama
A toda fatiga.
Ay, San Anton!

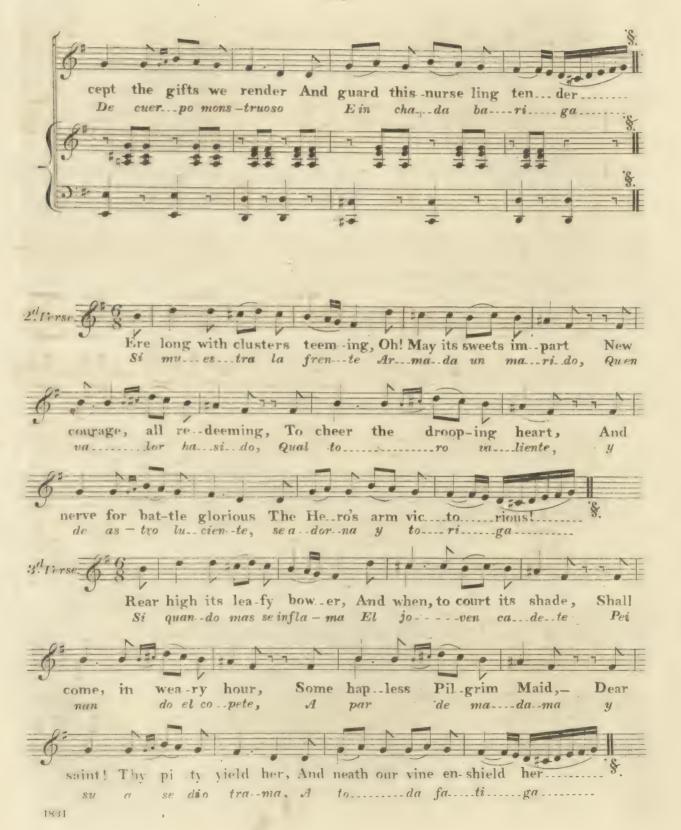
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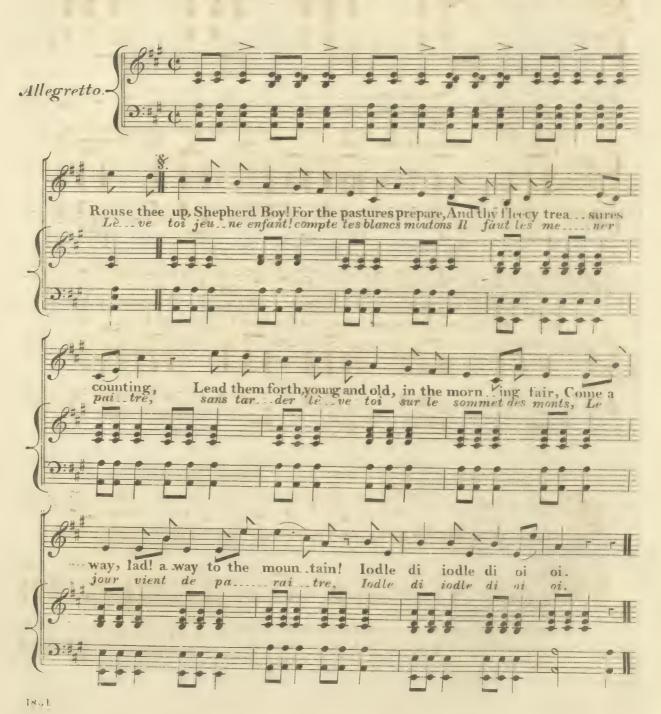


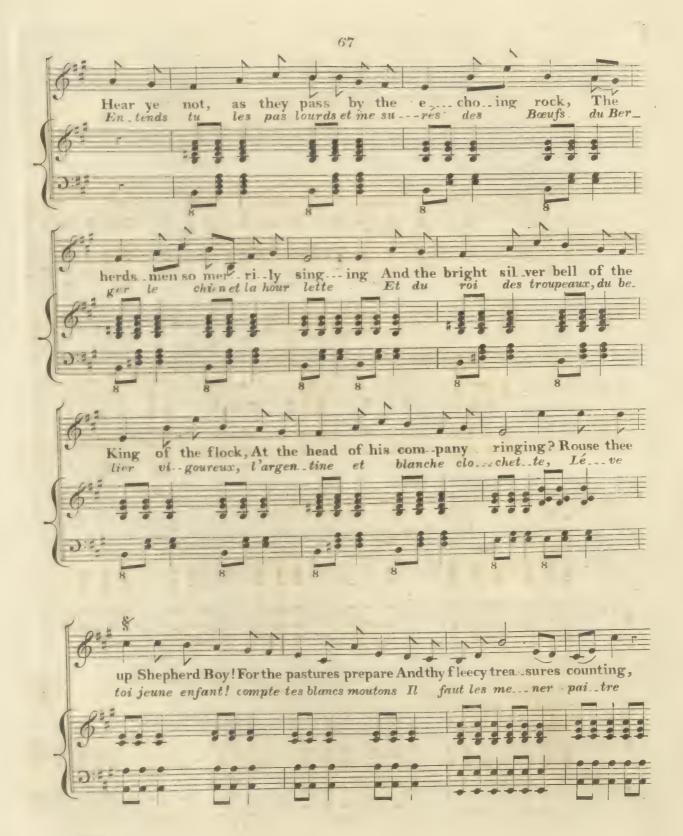


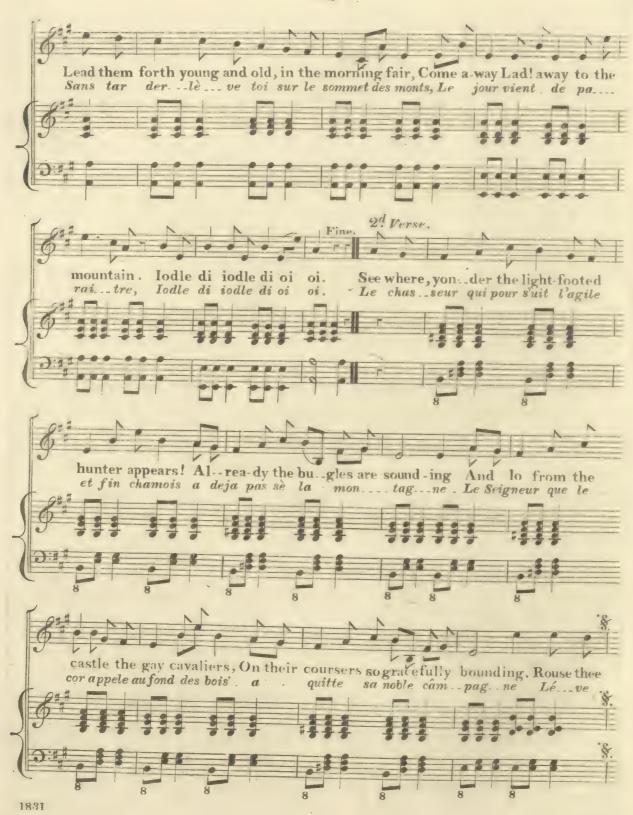


" ROUSE THEE UP, SHEPHERD BOY!

The . Music by . Hats. Hatibran







"ROUSE THEE UP, SHEPHERD BOY!"

TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH BY W. BALL.

Rouse thee up, shepherd boy! for the pastures prepare,
And, thy fleecy treasures counting,
Lead them forth, young and old, in the morning fair:—
Come, away, lad! away to the mountain!

Hear ye not, as they pass by the echoing rock,

The herdsmen, so merrily singing?

And the bright silver bell of the king of the flock,

At the head of his company, ringing?

Rouse thee up, shepherd boy! &c.

See, where yonder the light-footed hunter appears!

Already the bugles are sounding:

And lo! from the castle the gay cavaliers,

On their coursers, so gracefully bounding!

Rouse thee up, shepherd boy! &c.

TYROLIENNE.

Léve toi, jeune enfant! compte tes blancs moutons;

Il faut les mener paître;

Sans tarder, léve toi, sur le sommet des monts

Le jour vient de paraître.

Entends-tu les pas lourds et mesurés des bœufs?

Du berger, le chien, et la houlette?

Et du roi des troupeaux, du belier vigoureux?

L'argentine et blanche clochette?

Le chasseur qui poursuit l'agile et fin chamois

A déja passé la montagne;

Le seigneur, que le cor appelle au fond des bois,

A quitté sa noble campagne.

THE SWISS MAIDEN'S SONG TO THE EAGLE*.

THE ENGLISH WORDS BY WILLIAM BALL.

Where the craggy upland tow'rs

O'er the glacier, bright and high,
Lo, the King-bird! where it soars,
Wheeling through the azure sky.
Speed, O speed thee,
Wild one! heed thee,
To thy rocky covert hie:
Mountain Eagle! swiftly fly
From the marksman's fatal eye,
Mountain Eagle! swiftly fly!

Ranger of the trackless air!

Fast thy homeward pinion ply,
Or the proudest feather there
Soon will in the valley lie.

Speed thee, rover!

Or my lover
Will thy reckless play espy.
Beauteous Eagle! swiftly fly!
Shun the marksman's fatal eye,
Mountain Eagle! swiftly fly!

Ere the frighted echoes ring,
Nerve those regal plumes of thine,
Or the finest of thy wing,
Hapless Eagle! will be mine.
Speed thee, speed thee,
Wild one! heed thee,
To thy rocky covert hie:
Mountain eagle! swiftly fly!
From the marksman's fatal eye,
Mountain Eagle! safely fly!

SCHLAFE LŸSELL

(swiss.)

Buti, Buti, Buteli bu!

Lÿseli thue tyner auglein zue,

Müest nit grÿne

Lue, die fryne

Guete Merdeli gryne nit,

Schwÿg we d'fryne werde wit.

Buti, Buti, Buteli bu!

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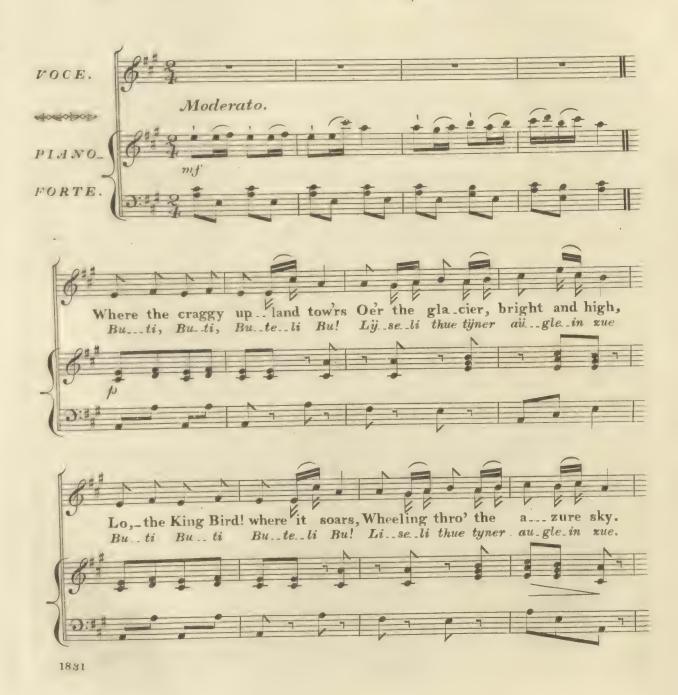
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Das nüt Böses, zu der cha.

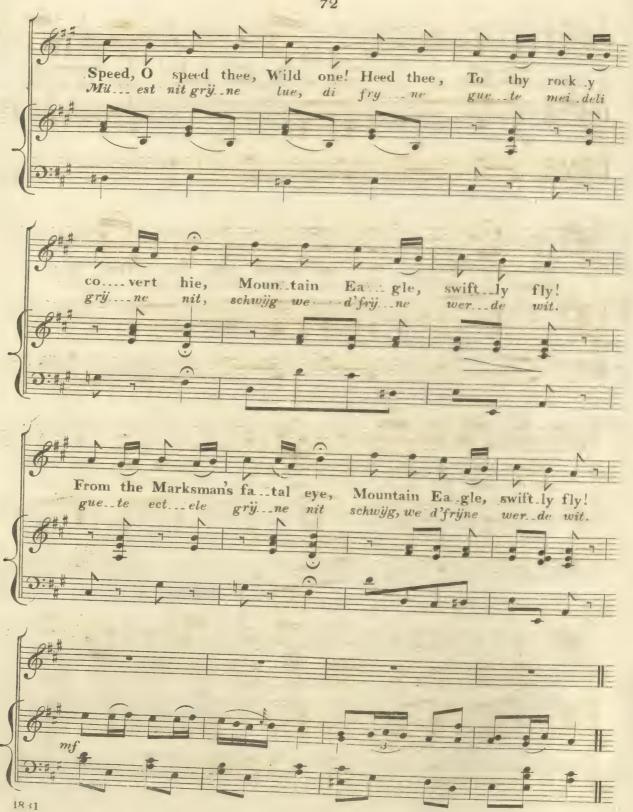
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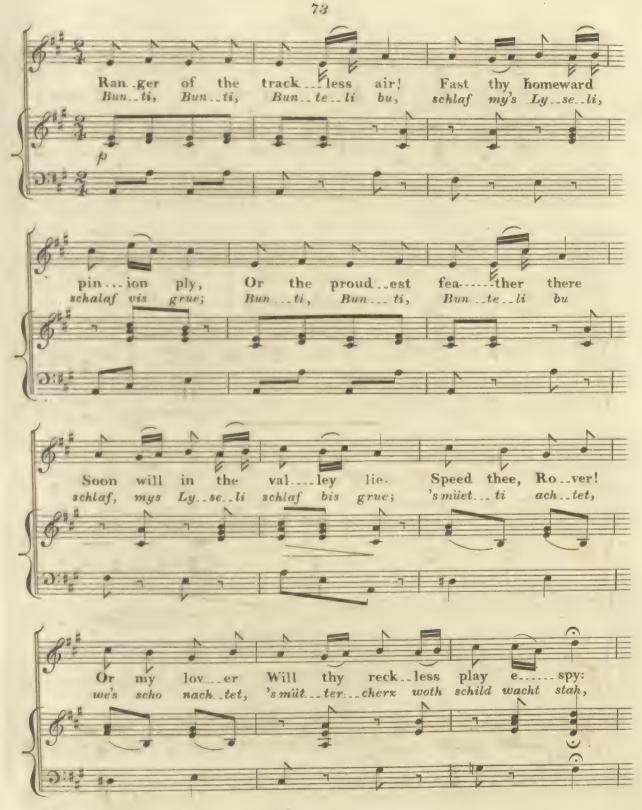
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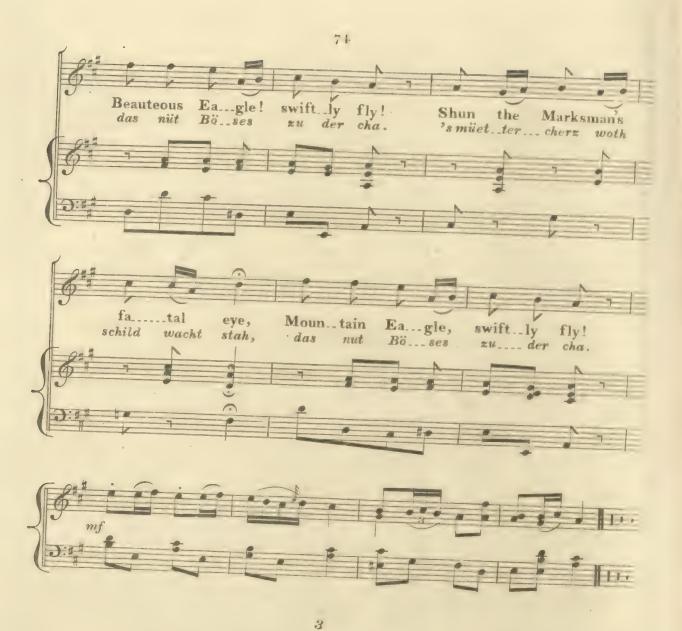
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Ere the frighted echoes ring,

Nerve those regal plumes of thine,

Or the finest of thy wing,

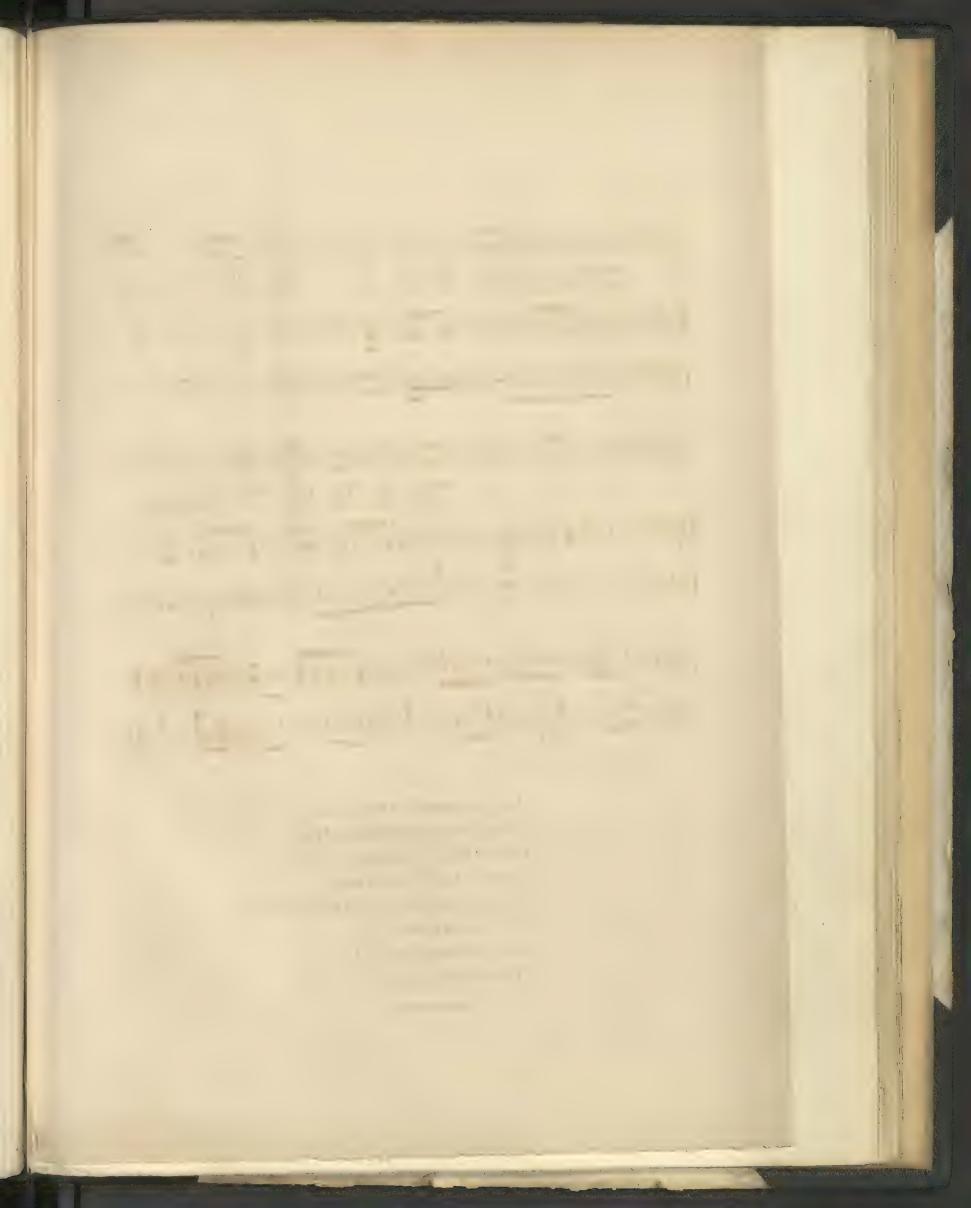
Hapless Eagle! will be mine.

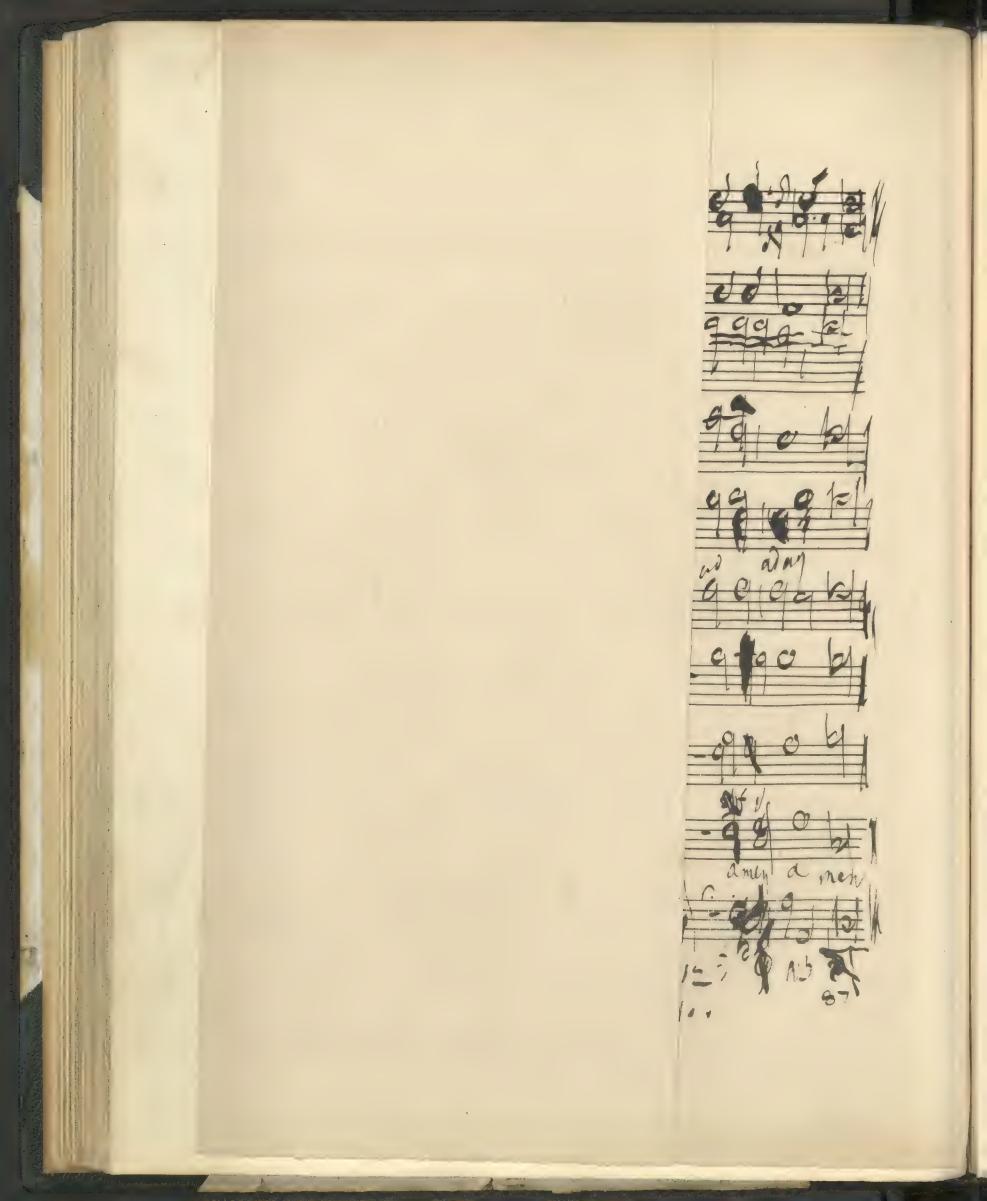
Speed thee, speed thee, wild one! heed thee,

To thy rocky covert hie,

Mountain Eagle! swiftly fly

From the Marksman's fatal Eye!





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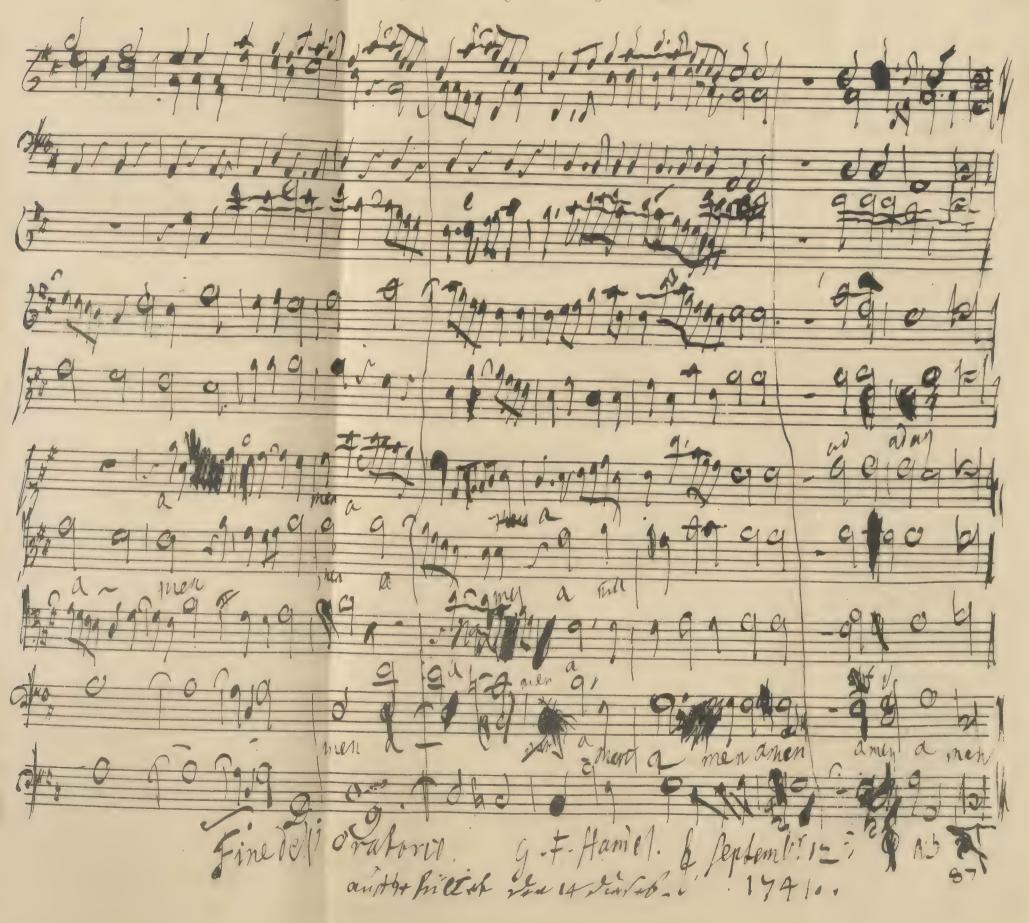
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MADEMOISELLE TAGLIONI.

Amongst the fair votaries of Terpsichore whose talents and attractions in the ballet department of the French stage have, from time to time, within our recollection, shared the highest honors of public favor, we know of no one who has enjoyed a celebrity more unanimously accorded than the lovely danseuse whose portrait we accompany with this slight memoir.

Mademoiselle Taglioni is of Italian extraction. She is the daughter of a dancer many years attached to the ballet establishment of the French opera, and who was an early pupil of the celebrated Coulon, father of the favorite Massaniello of our King's Theatre. Salvator Taglioni made his debût on the boards of the Academie de Musique in the April of 1806. His son Paul, who had been distinguished by his rapid progress in the saltatory art under the same able tutelage, and the youthful Marie, who, following in the same track, had created the most anxious expectations on behalf of her first public essay, appeared together on the stage of the new Parisian Opera-house, on the 23rd of July, 1827, and were welcomed with immense applause.

The reports that had followed the retirement of BIGOTTINI, who had so long engrossed the public admiration, soon ceased to be felt amidst the excitation awakened by the graces of Taglioni; and the succession of characters in which she proceeded to develop all the resources of her art was only a series of triumphs which seemed, without assumption, to distance all competition, and to give assurance of the prize of undivided popularity in the path assigned her, and in which it was her happiness to enjoy the fortunate superintendence of the parental eye.

After considerable difficulty encountered in negociation with the powers that sway the destinies of theatrical favorites in la bonne ville de Paris, the long-desired congé was obtained, and Mademoiselle Taglioni (who was accompanied to London by her father) was introduced to an English audience on the night fixed for M. Laporte's benefit, at the King's Theatre, the 3rd of June, 1830, when the house was completely filled, and the appearance of the accomplished stranger was greeted with an enthusiasm not adequately to be described*.

TAGLIONI unquestionably combines the finest requisites for eminence in her art. The union she displays of muscular ability with the most feminine delicacy of frame and figure is truly extraordinary. A charming simplicity, the principal characteristic of her demeanor on the stage,—an utter absence of that false consequence and bombast of carriage and manner which have so peculiarly marked too many artistes of our time, and a native grace and matchless precision in her movements, even those in which the most astonishing difficulties are conquered, and which yet appear to demand of her no effort, leave us delighted with the fairyism of the lovely being before us, seemingly no "mortal mixture of earth's mould," and enchant us into forgetfulness of the unwearied perseverance and application by which, in aid of the lavish gifts of Nature, such unrivalled excellence has been attained.

It is expected that Mademoiselle Taglioni will renew her visit to the British Metropolis in the forthcoming season of 1831.

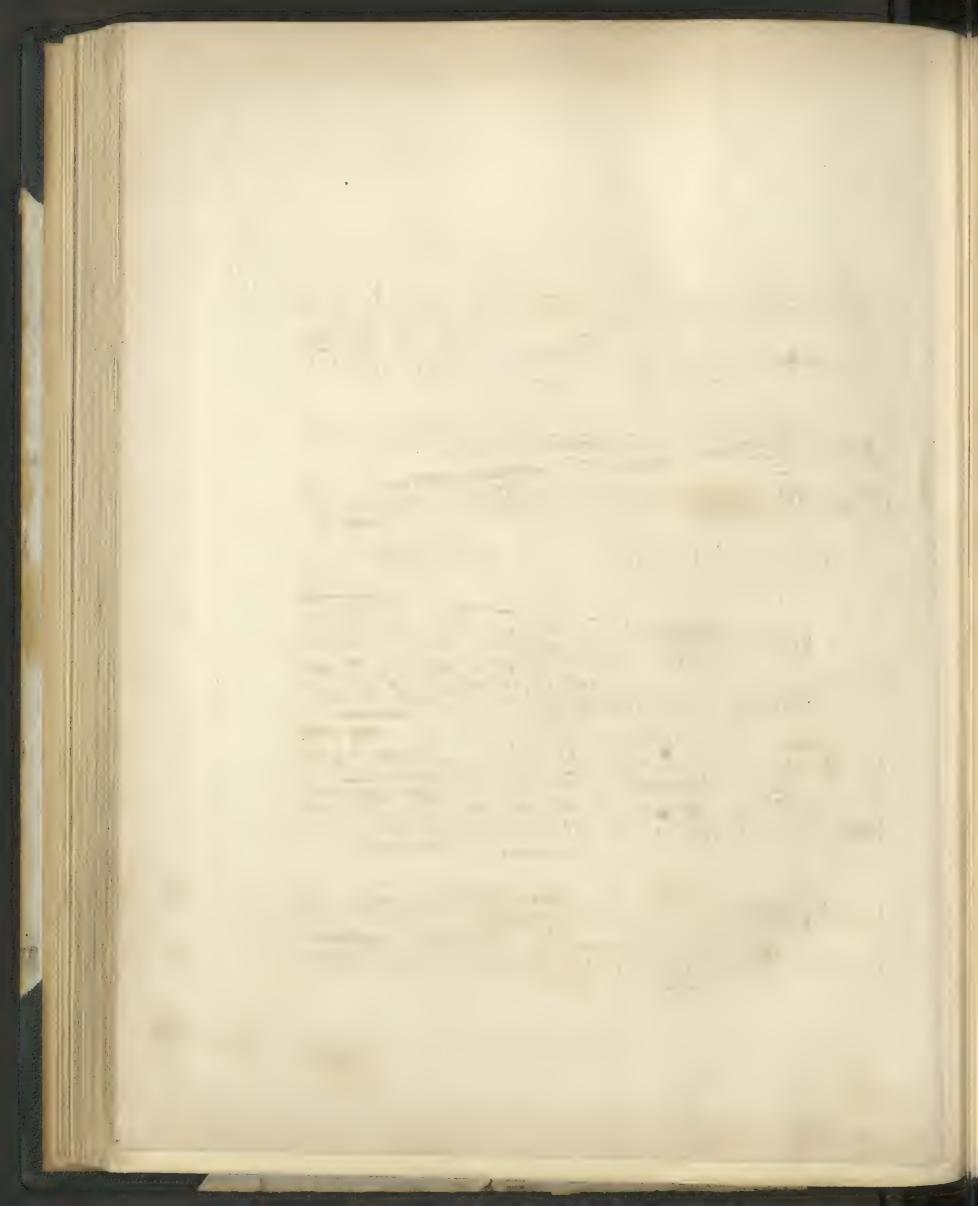
^{*} The character chosen on the above occasion was Flore in Didelot's revived ballet of Flore et Zephyr; and it is needless to say that her success, like her performance, was perfect. She afterwards, during the short period of her stay, which was confined to three weeks, appeared in La Somnambule and in the dances in Guillaume Tell: and such was the attraction at the Opera-house towards the close of her engagement, that the most persevering efforts, and offers perfectly unprecedented, were made by the managers to procure an extension of the term for a week, and even for a day. Taglioni had taken her farewell; but it was at length finally announced that she would once more appear, on Saturday, the 26th of June, when, it was understood, she would leave London immediately after the performance, and that a vessel, engaged on purpose, was held in waiting to convey her to France. The important news, however, of the death of the King, arrived in the course of the day, and the theatre was shut.



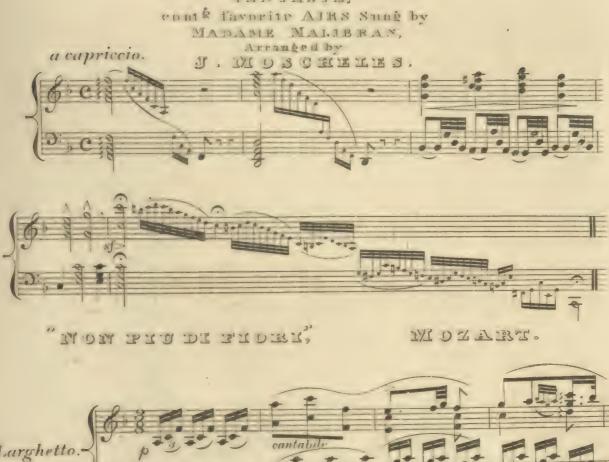


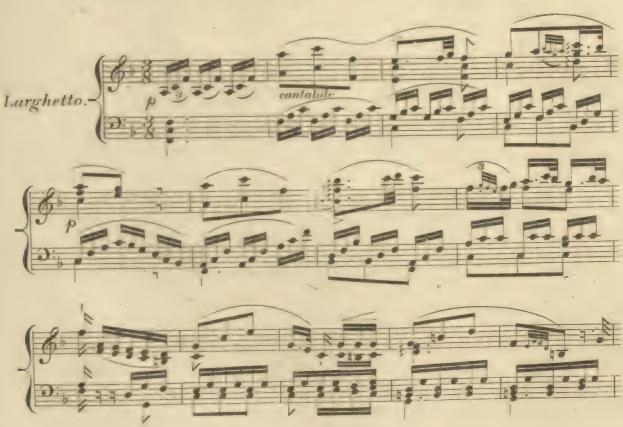


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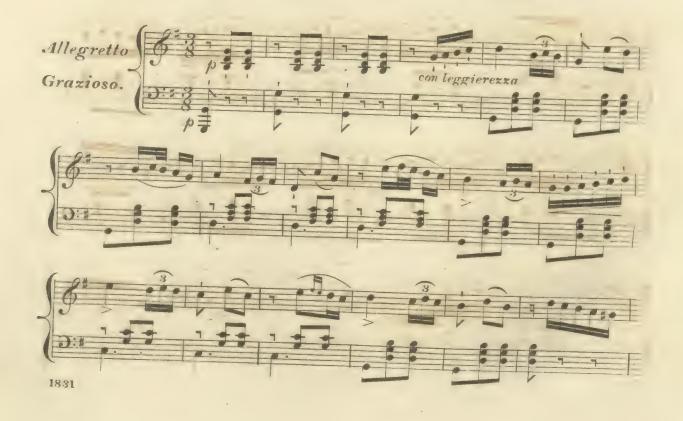
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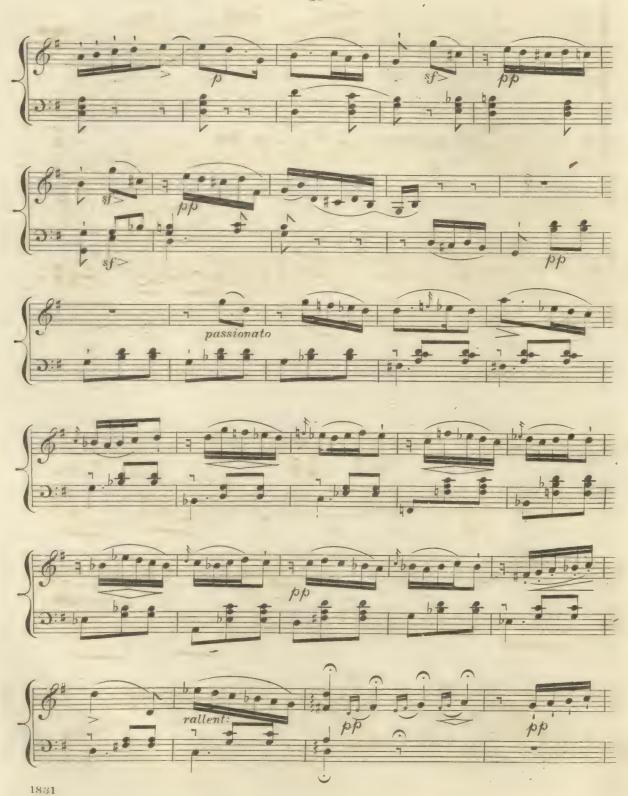


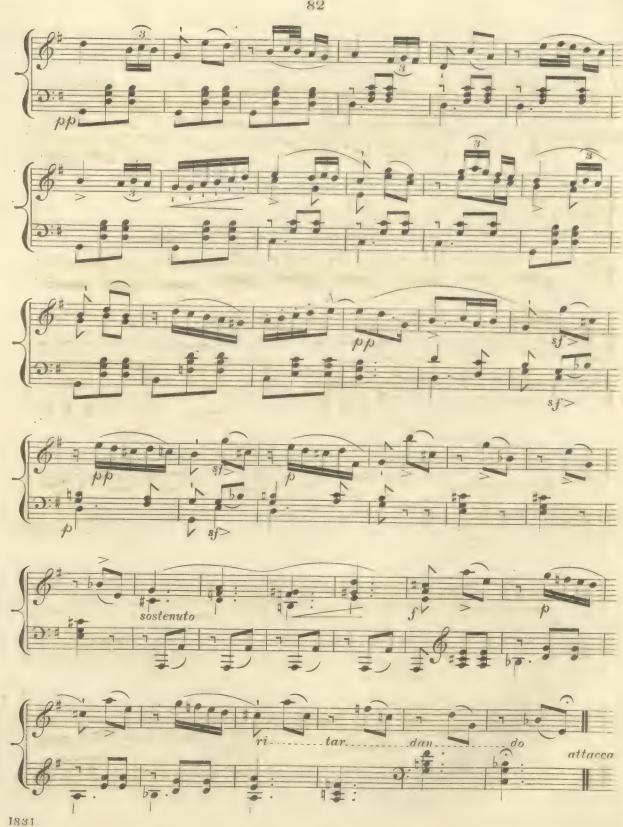
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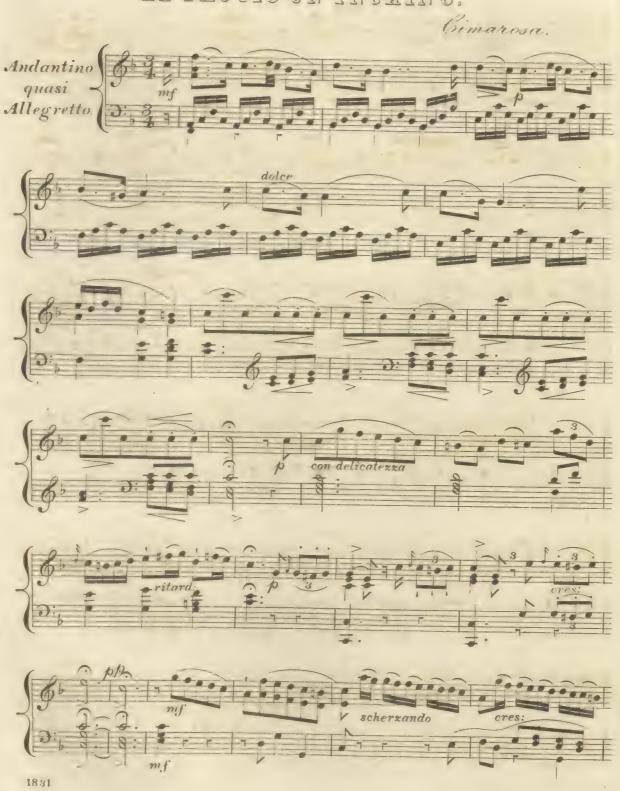


BAJELITO. SPANISH AIR, GARCIA.

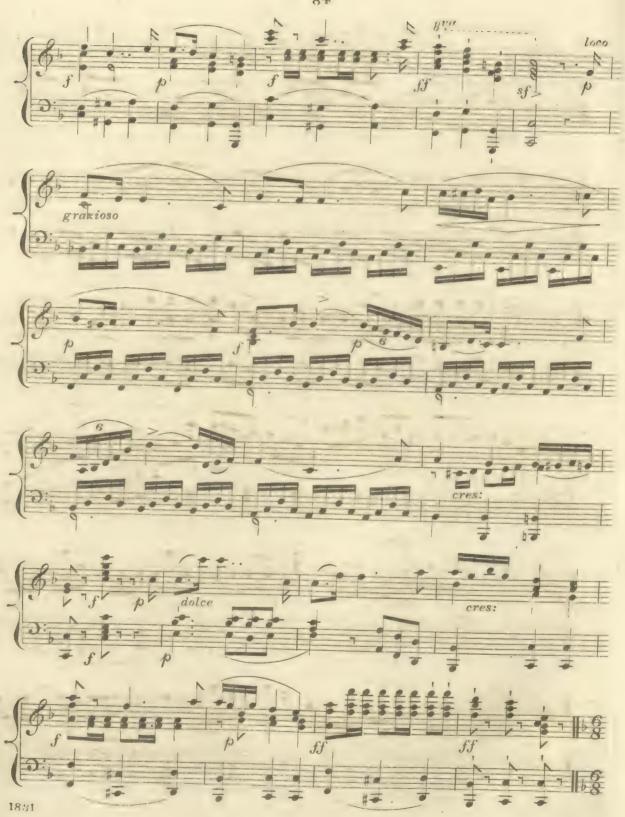


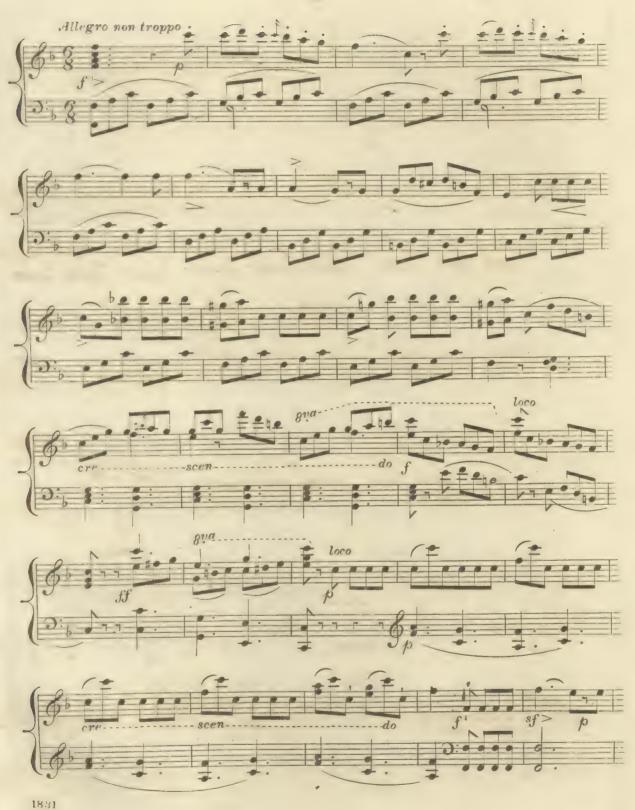


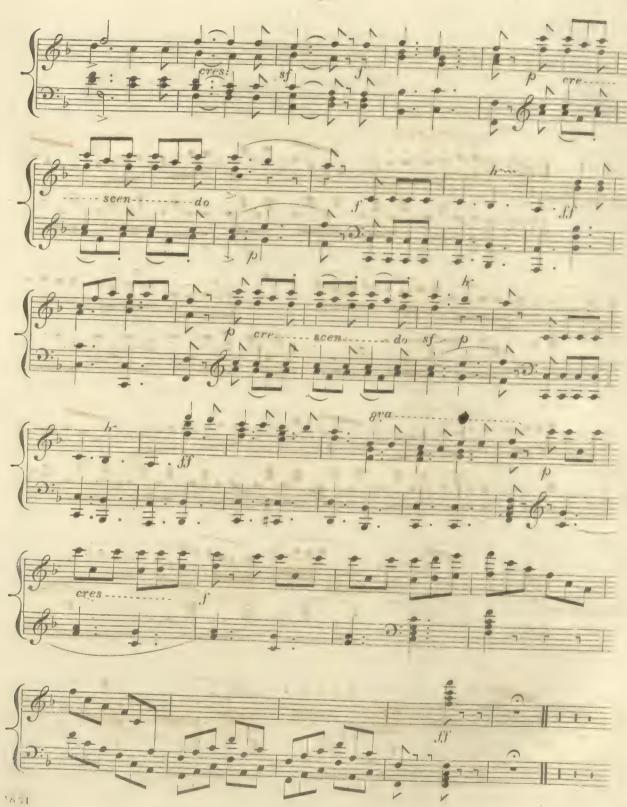






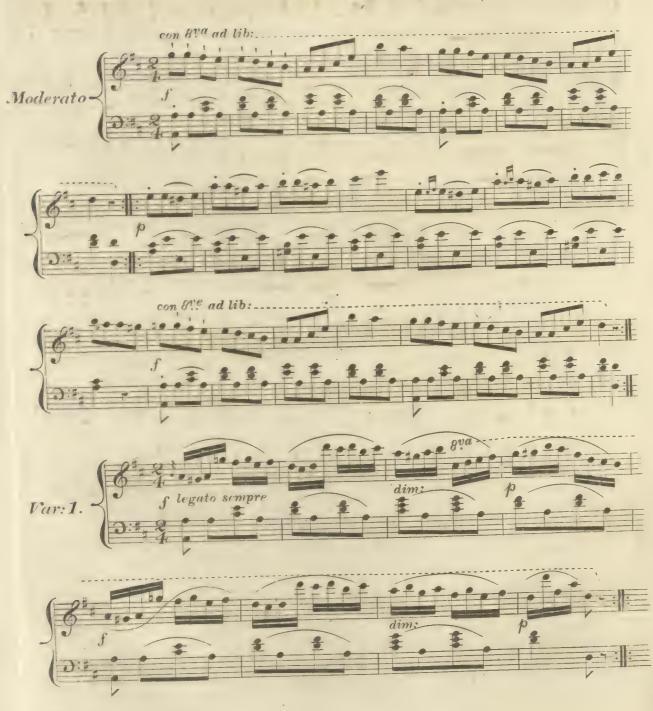






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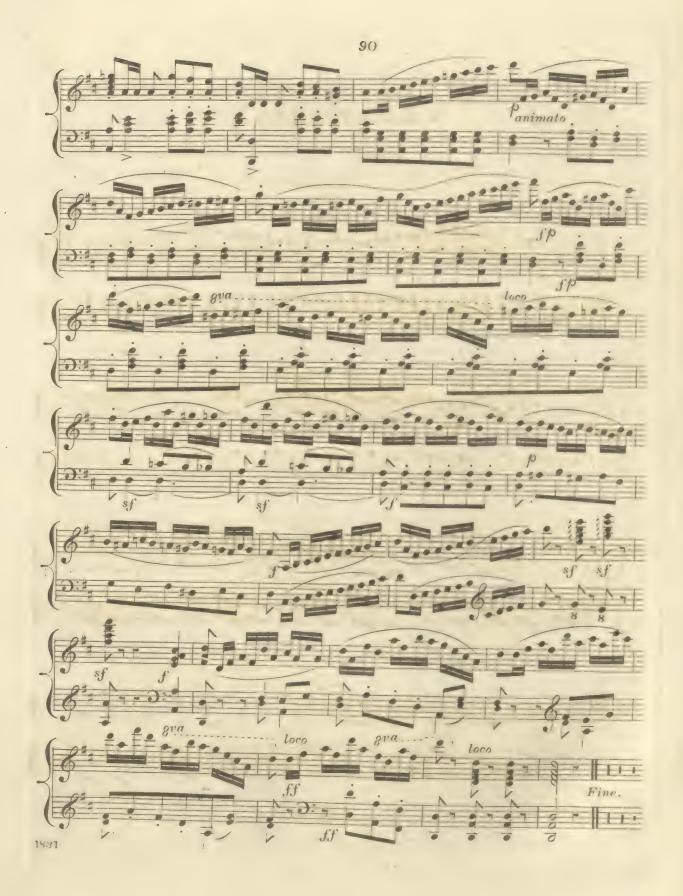
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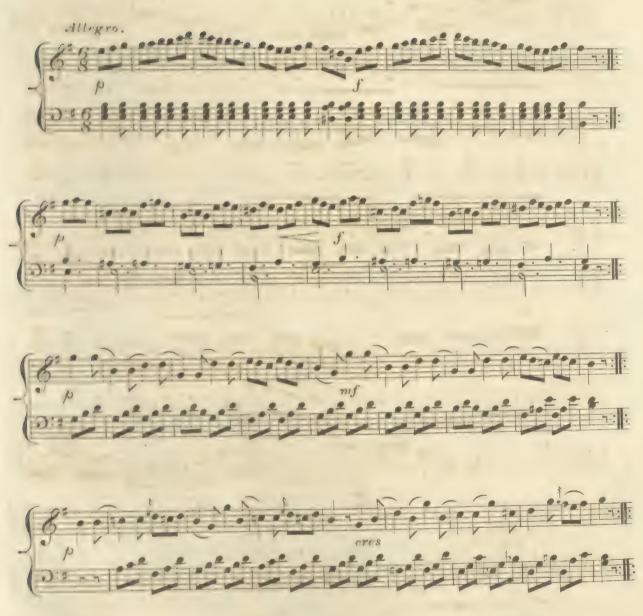






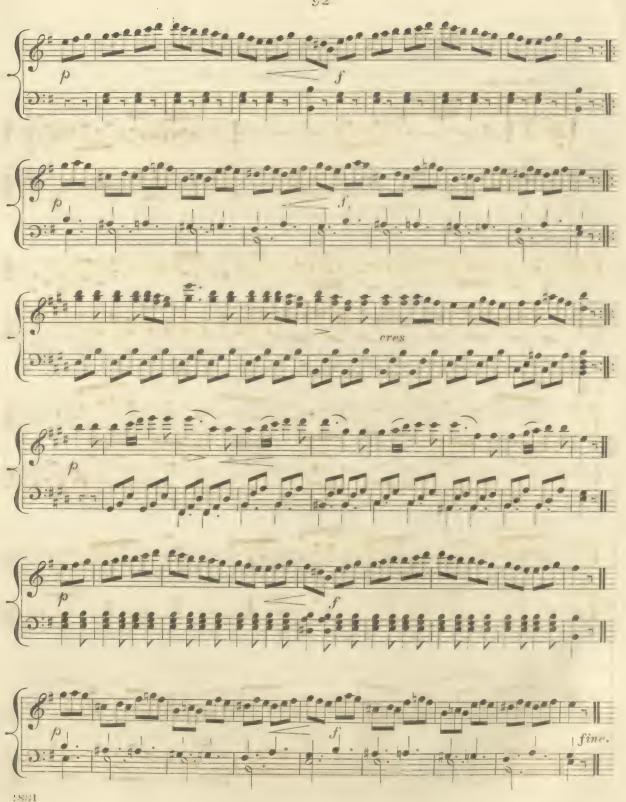
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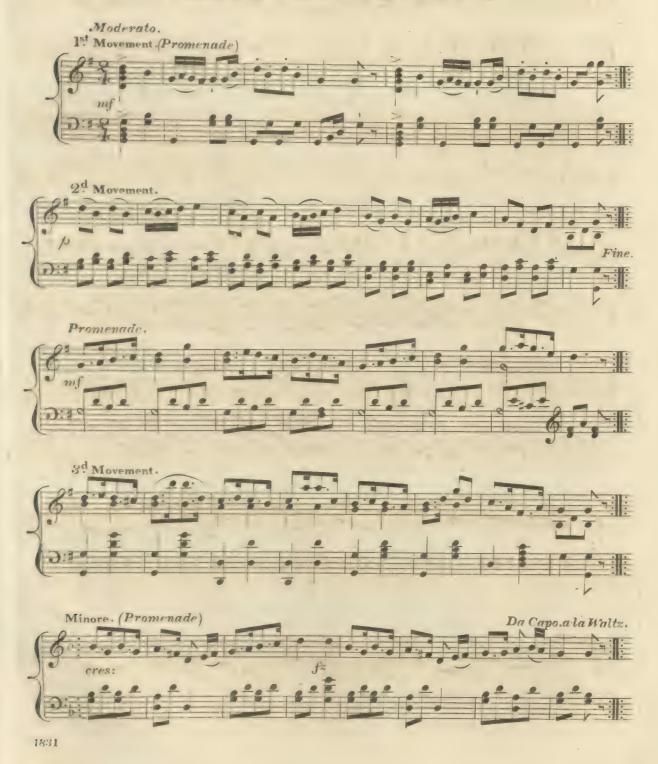


The Neapolitans dance the Tarantella to the accompaniments of Mandolines, Tambourines, and Castanets: None of these, however, are played by the Dancers themselves.

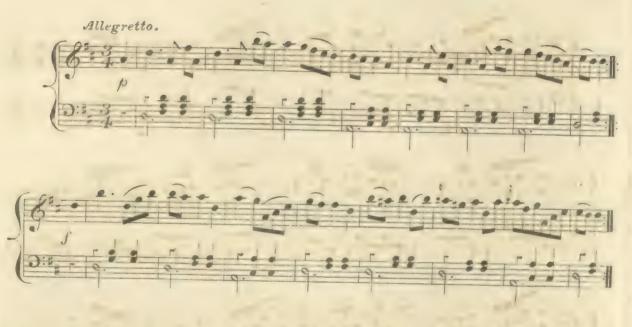
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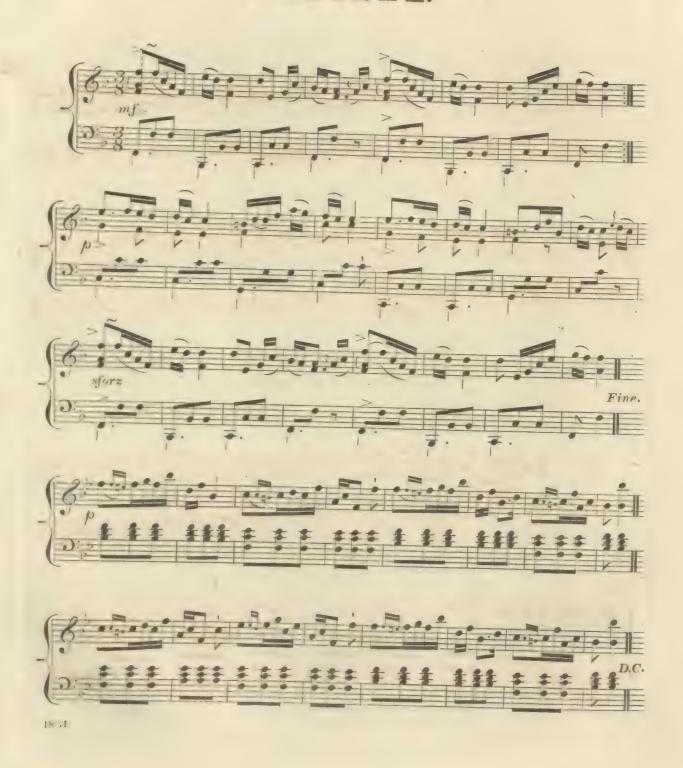


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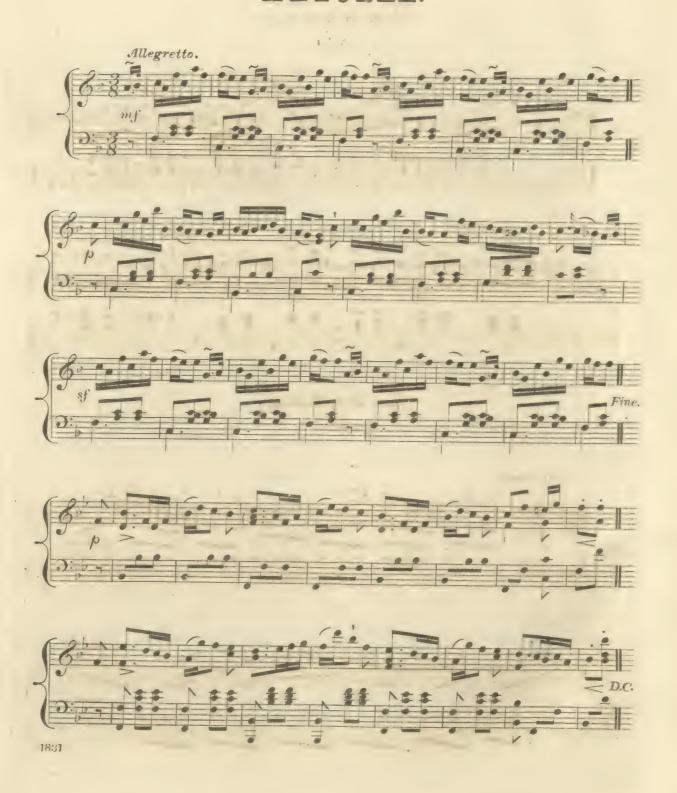


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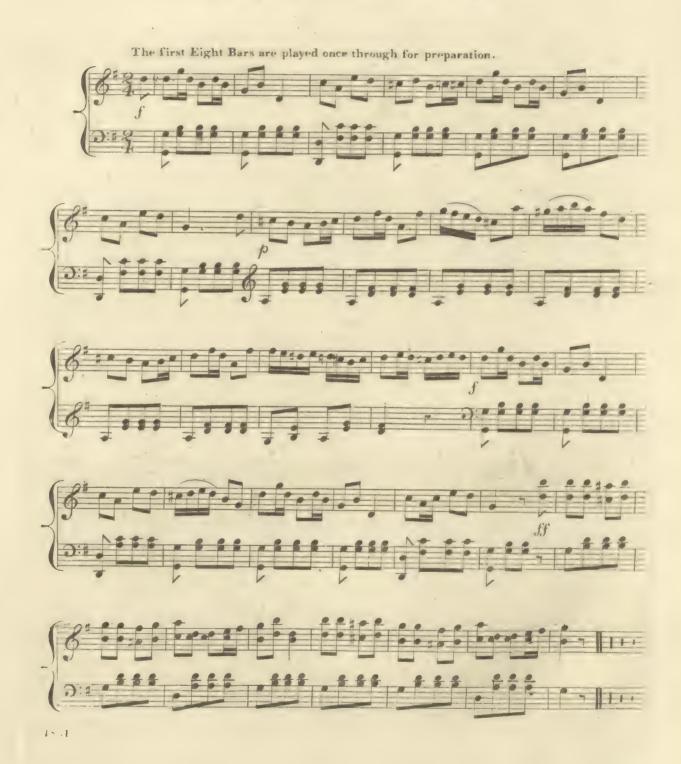


LANDLE B. Nº 2.



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CALOPP-WALTZER.



LANDLERS.

The Landler is the Austrian Country Dance, or Waltz of the German peasantry. The music consists of two divisions or phrases of eight bars each, composed in the time of ³. Very frequently the second part is merely a transposition of the first into another key.

THE MAZURKA.

The Mazurck, Mazur (pronounced Mazour), or Mazurka, derives its name from Mazovia, one of the most beautiful provinces of Poland, known particularly for the hilarity of its inhabitants and their fondness of this dance, which is so antient that it is difficult to fix the time of its origin.

Many of the tunes bearing this name have a minor and major strain; and these are generally sung. Those selected for dancing are very characteristic: the time of them is 3, but slower than the Waltz, and they should be performed with energy and dignity.

The figures of the Mazurka are most frequently danced by four couples: they may be varied according to the fancy of the leader or first gentleman who begins them, whose movements are afterwards imitated by the others; generally commencing and ending by that which the Poles call kolo, or hands round.

It would be difficult to give here a sufficient explanation of the steps and style in which the Mazurka should be performed, particularly to those persons who have never witnessed this interesting national dance. Of the former the most characteristic for the gentlemen is called, in Poland, holupca, a name taken from the metal heels commonly worn in that country, and which they strike, whilst dancing, to mark the time. The lower class of Poles often sing the airs during the performance of this dance.

As there are a great number of fancy figures used in the Mazurka, it has become necessary to particularize some, in order to give to this dance a degree of regularity, without which it would become difficult to comprehend wherever newly introduced.

A series of figures, as danced in the first circles, has therefore been published by Monsieur GUYNEMER, which will materially assist the acquirement of the Mazurka in this country.*

It is necessary to observe, that, in order not to protract too much the length of the dance, it is customary to limit the number of figures in a set to three; and, to avoid repeating the same tune too frequently, it may be changed with every new figure.

^{*} A selection of original Mazurkas, dedicated, by permission, to His Grace the DUKE of DEVONSHIRE, by Monsieur GUYNEMER. Published at Mori and Lavenû's.

THE GALOPP-WALTZER.

The Galopp-Waltzer, or Gallopade, deduces its origin from the Cossacks. Within the course of the last few years it has gained high favour in the festive circles of the different Courts and Cities of the Continent, and has been, more or less, the rage in every town in Europe enjoying the influence of pleasurable society.

This popular Dance, in its progress to this country, has undergone certain modifications, and acquired various peculiarities from the nations it has visited. Its principal distinctions may now be said to present three several species of Gallopade; viz .-- the Russian, the German, and the French. The former is the bolder and more spirited of the three; the second is more regular, the time being marked at every step; while the preference due to the more graceful and less fatiguing character seems to be accorded, by general consent, to the third. "The movements of the French Gallopade, when correctly danced, with regular turns, &c. are elegant and easy. It moreover enables any number of couples to join in it; and, notwithstanding it comprises only two figures, yet it may be continued for any length of time, as may be found agreeable." Various adjuncts have been introduced from time to time amid the accompanying music, such as the rattling of small bells, the cracking of whips, straps, &c. but these, together with the fancy spurs of some of the foreign Gallopaders, cannot obtain any lasting admission into the ball rooms of this country. The exhilarating character of the Dance itself has no doubt materially assisted its reception with us; the highest countenance having been afforded to its advance and dissemination in the British Metropolis and at the principal watering places throughout the kingdom.*

THE TARANTELLA.

The Tarantella, as adapted for private parties, is performed by four couples, standing in two lines across the top of the room; the gentlemen in the centre, facing their partners, after the manner of the old Scotch Reel. It comprises as many successive movements as there are measures and repeats in the music, of eight bars each; viz. twenty: the Da Capo being played to the four last movements of the Dance. The Dance, however, may be continued or repeated as long as may be found agreeable. The Figure simply consists of squares, described in various ways, introducing many characteristic and highly-pleasing steps, peculiar to the Neapolitans.

^{*} Various sets of Gallopades, with figures authorised by the first professional teachers, may be had of Messrs. Mori and Lavenu, Publishers of this work.

The Tarantella, on its appearance at the King's Theatre in Deshayes' popular Ballet of Massaniello, excited much attention, and its performance, though it has now undergone so many repetitions, is always honored with the greatest applause.

The Fundango, which enjoys the highest favoritism among the dances of Spain, owes its origin to the Moors, who brought with them from Africa the Dance of the Chica, from which it offers but little variation. The subsequent dominion of the Spaniards in Italy introduced the Fandango, among the Neapolitans, who, incorporating with it evolutions habitual to themselves, produced, from this mixture of styles and movements, the far-famed Tarantella, which, of all modern Dances, is the liveliest and most diversified. Its name is generally supposed to have been derived from the Tarantula, a venomous spider of Sicily. Those who have the misfortune to be bitten by it are said to have no other means of escape from dissolution than violent perspiration, which forces the poison of the body through the pores. As exercise is the principal and surest method to effect this relief, it was discovered, by repeated experiments, that music was the only adequate incentive to motion on the unhappy sufferers. It possessed the power of making them leap about until extreme fatigue put an end to their exertions; they then fell, and the perspiration thus occasioned seldom failed of effecting a radical cure. The liveliness of the music adopted for the performance of this kind of miracle, the strong emphasis carried through the measure, its reiterated triolets, and the vivacity of the movement combined, are capable of electrifying frames whose total derangement appears on the point of depriving them of animation. Whether the Tarantella Dance was first used as a remedy for the bite of the spider, or whether the attitudes and gestures with which the music inspired the afflicted, gave the first idea of forming them into a Dance, it is impossible to determine; but it owes its origin unquestionably to that complaint. Various testimonies have been afforded us, by travellers of high repute, on behalf of the power of this Dance, in removing the danger, which (judging from the most terrific symptoms) has appeared to menace the life of the sufferer: Claritio and Serrao, two Neapolitan Physicians, state that they have proved, by various experiments, that all that has been said with regard to the fatal nature of the bite of the Tarantula spider is false, and denounce the terrible accounts given of it as arising from ignorance and prejudice, and propagated through channels to which no credit should be attached.

THE REYDOWAK.

The Reydowak is the native dance of the Bohemians, and is found disseminated throughout the Austrian states. Its name rather implies its original appropriation to balls en masque; but the sprightly character of the Reydowak has gained acceptance

for it among the national festivities of every grade. It was first introduced a few months ago in London, at the Prince Esterhazy's, when the Prague Minstrels played at Chandos House; and excited no small degree of attention. The first part of the dance, comprising sixteen bars*, and composed in ½ time, is that of the promenade, or walking movement. The second, containing a similar number, is in ½, and called the Reydowatzka: this is the waltz. The music of the latter portion is the same subject, or tune, altered or compressed into another measure. The figure of the dance is nearly the same with that of the Valse Hongroise.

LA VALSE HONGROISE.

The national Waltz of the Hungarians is one of the most pleasing Dances in Europe, and, in the country from which it takes its title, is performed on festive occasions with equal zest by the magnate and the peasant. Its distinguishing movements, when executed with any tolerable accuracy, never fail to please; being characterized by a simplicity and elegance which have deservedly placed it among the most favored and fashionable dances of the Continent. The Kalamayka† of the Sclavonians and the old Valse Hongroise have an affinity which scarcely admits of any retrospective difference, and their melodies, of any long standing, are frequently found to be the same. The Hungarian Waltz has been always received with pleasure when presented in our ballets; and Rossini has, with his usual taste and brilliancy, assisted its successful introduction in his popular opera of Guillaume Tell.

^{* &}quot;Sixteen bars," i.e. two parts of eight parts each; sometimes the first and second each repeated, and sometimes the first part repeated with the second played once, and then Da Capo.

[†] Kalam-aika, or Dance to the reed or pipe.

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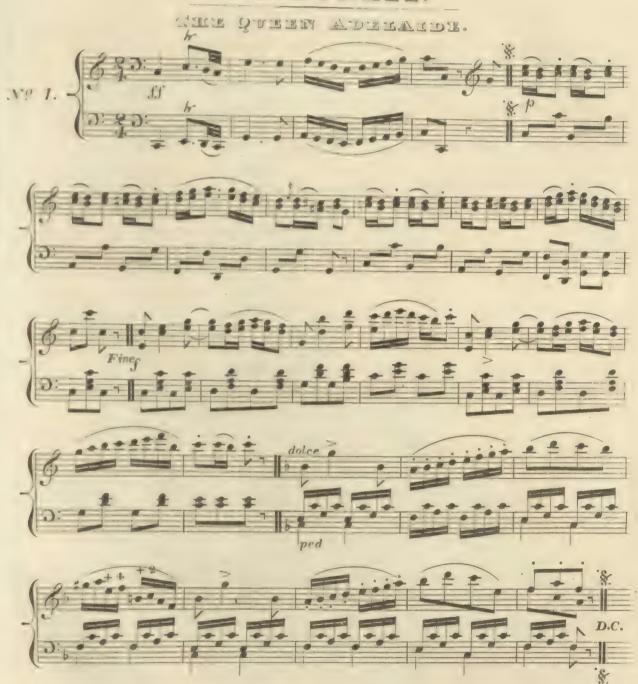


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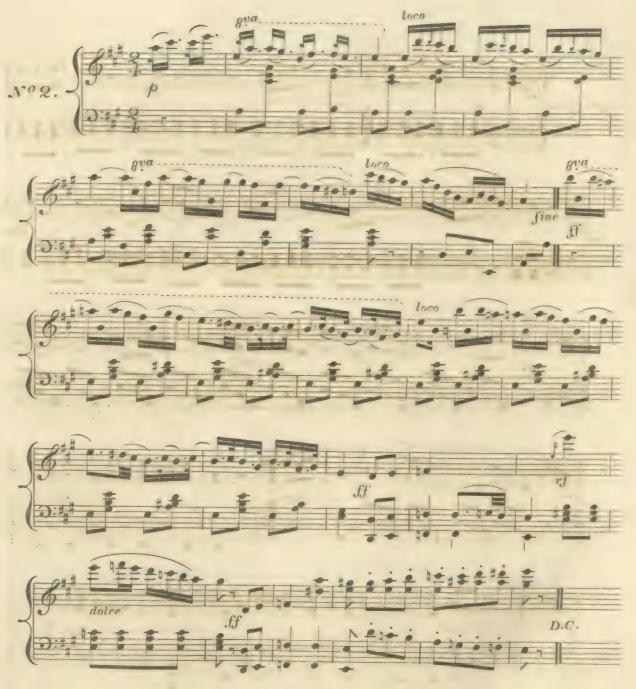


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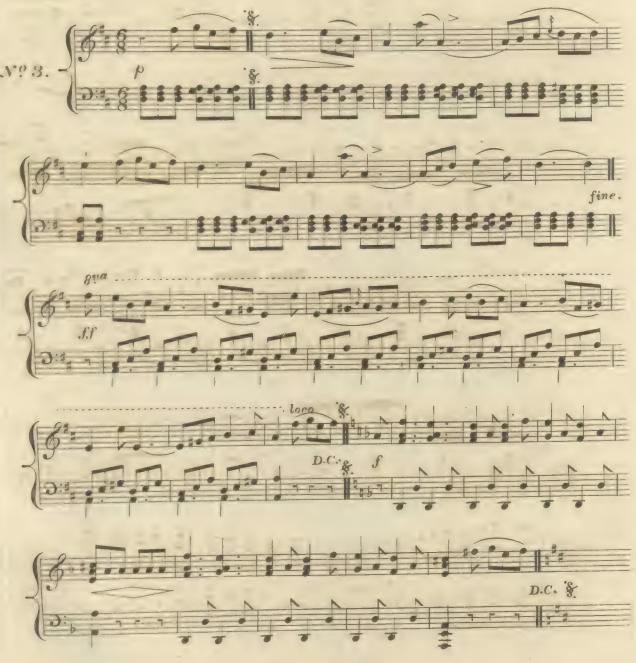


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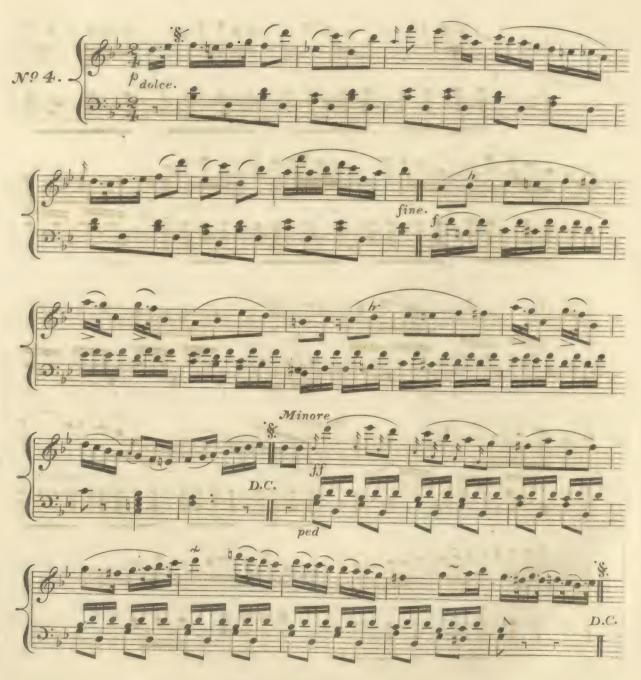


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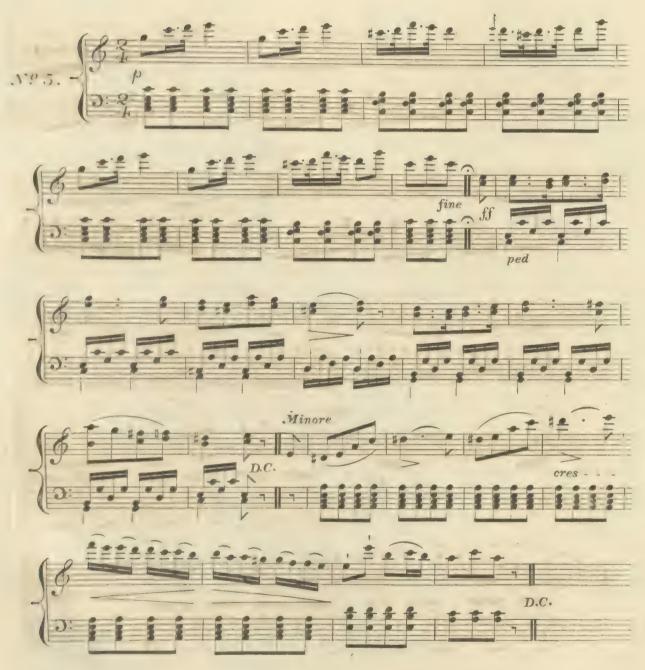


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